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As you turn the pages of this issue, you'll notice charts and graphs, announcements, and finally your eagerly awaited class notes. I do hope you take the time to notice a few articles here that you might not see again as we celebrate Betsy's tenure at Sweet Briar. One of her accomplishments was including Sweet Briar as part of the Hardwick-Day study, a survey that shows just how remarkable our College is. As one of the many thank-you's we owe to President Muhlenfeld, we've shared the results of this important study with you. Past presidents and our current president of the Alumnae Association have also written in to say thank you to Betsy for all she's done and to recognize some of her achievements.

In light of the coming weeks and the collaborative effort on campus to celebrate our president, I'd like to raise a toast to Betsy in the form of this short anecdote. I met President Muhlenfeld on the first day that I set foot on campus, a senior in high school looking for the right college. This was about seven years ago. I had signed up to participate in an admissions open house and tour of campus. My mother drove me down from Staunton, Virginia, and we took all of the wrong roads, despite the directions Dad mapped out. The scenery was beautiful, and for a while we were lost in the promise of the open fields around us, talking and dreaming of the future—until we began to panic. I was certainly going to miss my first scheduled appointment at Sweet Briar! We arrived on campus not quite ten minutes late, feeling blurred and frantic, and sat down on the beige chairs in the Boxwood Room of the Conference Center. We took a deep breath as tour guides introduced themselves and handed out programs. Then Betsy came to the front to speak. I remember her enthusiasm vividly. To a girl of 18, she seemed looming and radiant and full of promise. As I listened to her brief speech, I sensed that she believed all of us in the room could excel if we were determined. When it was time to stand up and follow our tour guides, I knew that I was in the right place.

I've since graduated from Sweet Briar and have become an employee of the College. In the time that has passed, I've been given a glimpse of Sweet Briar as a whole place, not just a place for learning and leaving, or for fun and adventure, but a place for life to find a hold throughout the ups and downs. This is a place for learning and advancement, for friendships and breakups, for nature and science, for change and tradition, for faith and decision, for people of any age. Betsy has not only led Sweet Briar's community since I've known it, but she's fostered its sense of wholesomeness and competence through giving so much of herself to it and believing in its success.

—Colleen Murray '06, Editor



President Muhlenfeld and Colleen Karaffa Murray, Commencement 2006. Photo by David Abrams

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The Not So Surprising FACTS

An Alumni Survey of the College Experience by
Hardwick-Day and the Women's College Coalition

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This past February, Hardwick-Day, a consulting group dealing exclusively with private colleges and universities, performed a survey of 157 Sweet Briar alumnae who graduated between the years of 1970 and 1997. Sweet Briar's data was then compared to an earlier study commissioned by the Women's College Coalition that included alumnae from other women's colleges, alumni from other four-year liberal arts colleges, and alumni from 110 national "flagship" public universities. The Women's College Coalition, founded in 1972, is a coalition of women's colleges and universities dedicated to making the case for women's education. It collects and disseminates information relating to the education of women and gender equity in education. Currently, President Muhlenfeld serves as the chair of the board and has been intimately involved in the conception and formulation of the Hardwick-Day study. Although the study was just released this past spring, it is already fostering further research in the area of single-sexed education, which has the potential to keep

the topic in the general limelight.

The comparative data very clearly shows the superior value of a Sweet Briar education. For example, it is not unusual today for a student to spend longer than four years earning an undergraduate degree. According to this study, Sweet Briar alumnae are more likely than all other alumni to graduate in four years or less. They are also more likely than all other alumni to say that: (1) their professors often challenged them academically and personally helped them meet those challenges; (2) they benefited from personal interaction with professors; (3) their experience often included extensive classroom discussions; and (4) their classroom experience often included student presentations in class as well as essay exams and reports.

Sweet Briar graduates are known for holding community leadership roles in organizations spanning the spectrum of Junior League to the arts. Ranking higher than all others in the study, the data revealed that the education of a Sweet Briar graduate

helps her to work as part of a team and to think creatively. Her education also fosters the development of moral principles that still guide her actions today. Sweet Briar alumnae are more likely than graduates of other liberal arts colleges and flagship universities to believe it is extremely important to have the authority to make decisions, contribute to communities, become affiliated with organizations that help disadvantaged members of society, and provide direction to others through leadership roles.

Sweet Briar alumnae have traditionally continued to stay connected to and support the College in many ways after they graduate. Comparative results revealed that Sweet Briar alumnae are more likely than alumnae of other women's colleges to say that their experience often included fun or exciting activities on campus, and that it is important to maintain lifelong friendships made at college as well as to remain connected to their undergraduate college.

Ask an Alumna

We asked several graduates whose class years fall within the range of the study a few questions that relate to some of the statements made in the Hardwick-Day charts. We also interviewed three students about their experience studying at Sweet Briar today. Their candid answers are recorded here.

1 Why did you choose to attend Sweet Briar College?

Dianne Hayes Doss '93: Sweet Briar sent me some information after I took the SATs. The pictures in the brochures were beautiful, and I've always loved the Blue Ridge Mountains. I was planning to attend Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) to get a degree in mechanical engineering. As I read about Sweet Briar, though, I found out that they had a 3-2 program with Georgia Tech—spend three years at Sweet Briar, two years at Georgia Tech, and get a degree from both schools. My Dad and I were planning a college tour in the spring of

my junior year, so we included Sweet Briar on our path up the East Coast. The campus was unbelievably beautiful. What sealed the deal was my prospective student overnight. I don't remember the name of the girl that I stayed with; however, I do remember seeing a video about a girl calling home to say that she liked the school so much that she was going to stay at Sweet Briar. That was how I felt at the end of my weekend. I wanted to call my mom and tell her that I was going to stay at Sweet Briar, finish high school from the dorms, and then begin college.

Tracie Allen Webber '93: My mother pushed SBC, although I didn't need much encouragement once I started looking into it. I already wanted to attend a school in Virginia—my mother is from Virginia, but we lived in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time. My grandparents live in Williamsburg and

the rest of my family in the D.C. area. Sweet Briar was just far enough from Memphis to say I was going “away” to school, but close enough to my grandparents in case I needed anything. I wanted to attend a smaller school and Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France program also interested me. I spent a summer in France with a family, and I knew I wanted to travel and study abroad again.

Kate Owings Hite '88: I visited Sweet Briar because they sent me information on the school after taking the SATs. I went for a prospective student weekend and was hooked. It's the only school I applied to, and I applied early admission.

Kathryn Ingham Reese '88: I was wooed by its beauty and enticed by my sister Sharon Ingham Brown's praise of Sweet Briar. She was a 1984 graduate.



Kathy Barrett Baker '83: Sweet Briar was my choice due to my perceived "happiness factor" from many different sources and for many different reasons. From age 13, I baby-sat for Mary Pat Rankin's children (Class of '68). She listened and was kind to me and influenced me in many positive ways. On a prospective weekend trip to SBC, I stepped out of the little blue jitney into the middle of the quad and was instantly smitten. I felt comfortable and settled. I was home. Maybe it was the old red brick or the marvelous motion picture campus. Jane Dure '82 and Dorinda Davis Trick '82 were my overnight hostesses. Aileen Laing's (Class of '57) Art History 101 class was great. She immediately turned off the lights and flashed fabulous slides of European churches and fine art onto a screen. Rhoda Harris '82 took me to dinner. We had to wear hose and heels. Possibly provincial and life out of 1952 for some, but I liked looking decent. The dinner was delicious. Then there was my interview with admissions director Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57. She was cool, warm, and wise. Afterwards, I thought if I was to become half as happy at SBC as Mrs. Baldwin had been as a student, I would be very happy indeed at Sweet Briar. Admission into SBC was the best Christmas present I've ever had.

Edith Baird '78: There were a lot of reasons why I chose Sweet Briar. I wanted to go to school somewhere that my high school buddies were not going. SBC had riding, small classes, and a beautiful campus. It offered liberal arts, which gave me a chance to take history, art, and religion classes. I also felt I would do better at a women's college.

Kathleen Cochran Schutze '73: 1. Beauty of campus. 2. Friendliness of staff personnel. 3. College's strong reputation.

What is your story? Who were you as a student?

Doss: I wasn't in any of the really popular social clubs. I was a "Guion geek," a mathematical physics major, which I described as the closest thing to a mechanical engineering degree. (This is what I pursued at Georgia Tech.) I was the only person known to have started the 3-2 program and gone through with it. I guess most were so drawn to Sweet Briar that they changed their minds and stayed there all four years. I was a member of SWEEP (environmental group) and involved with SGA. I played soccer, softball, basketball, and even tried lacrosse. Since I was on the 3-2 program, I left Sweet Briar after my junior year, though the seniors were gracious enough to let me sit on the senior steps before I left! I greatly missed not being there for my senior year, but I certainly don't regret my decision to complete the 3-2 program.

Webber: I was a pretty low key student, not in the popular social clubs. I focused on my studies, spending time with friends, tutoring lower classmen, and dating my future husband. I tried to do all sorts of things—even things out of my comfort zone and took advantage of different opportunities at SBC. Once, my roommate convinced me to go with SWEBOP to "camp" at the cabin. When we arrived and settled in for the night, there were bats everywhere inside! Camping and bats were not my things then, but now that I have two boys, I find myself doing all sorts of things I never thought I would!

Hite: I played lacrosse all four years. I was chairman of the Social Violations Hearing Board. I enjoyed weekends at Washington & Lee University.

Reese: I was the classic B (and an occasional C) student. There were so many other things to enjoy on campus and in

Lexington, who could be bothered with studying! One class I remember putting my heart and soul into was Mr. Smart's creative writing class. I would spend hours writing stories about my childhood when I should have been studying for my economics comp! Interestingly, I graduated with a degree in economics, but I now teach English.

Baker: As a field hockey jock in high school, I wanted to do things I had never done before. Freshman year, I ran for class president (lost), tried out for Sweet Tones (la, la), stayed up all night writing English papers the night before they were due (whoops), and acquired my first boyfriend (a Hampden-Sydney bad boy banned from campus). As a student, I was normally awkward, more insecure and immature than most, and with my ADHD, always the last to finish every test. Extremely naïve in the "ways of the world," reading the Romantics' classic poems and novels about love, I could only imagine what the writers were swooning about. Typically, I studied and typed best late at night and could not spell. Tretorn tennis shoes, turtlenecks, sweatshirts, and pearls by day and long Lanz nightgowns by night were my uniform. I liked participating in SBC life on campus and trying to fit into the lovely, safe SBC community.

Baird: It was the first time I had ever spent that much time away from my family. I'm a slow reader, so I spent a lot of time studying. I was very shy, but I did have a close circle of friends that I spent a lot of time with. I enjoyed my classes and tried to spend as much time out of doors as possible.

Schutze: I came from a large public high school that was not nearly as demanding as Sweet Briar. I was not focused on a career in my early years, which was a mistake, although it worked out well in the end. Let's say I needed a wakeup call, and Dean Sims was kind enough to provide it after my freshman year. At that time, we didn't have a business major, so I chose political economy

Dianne Doss



Tracie Webber



Kate Hite



my junior year and loved it. My favorite classes were comparative government and comparative economics with Professor Hapala.

3 How would you describe the campus community during your tenure as student?

Doss: Family. Definitely family. I loved that the professors lived there, and you would see them in Prothro, on the Dairy route, or playing tennis. I loved that the professors cared about the students on an individual basis, something that I definitely did not experience when I left.

Webber: In a word: Family. Everyone was approachable, helpful, and kind. I had friends from all walks of life. The open door policy with professors was wonderful.

Hite: Tight knit. Sure there were tap clubs, but the friendships were stronger than any club.

Reese: So great! Some women may say that Sweet Briar is *too* small. I found its size to be perfect; it allowed me to create an immediate bond with my classmates and to get involved in areas where I had no previous experience. During orientation, I got to know everyone in my class, not just people in a subset of my class. While Sweet Briar's student size may be small, the College offered a large number of extra curricular activities. I took a bite out of life at Sweet Briar and this enabled me to broaden my scope of the community. I got to know my classmates beyond the round tables of the classroom and the dining hall! I played volleyball, softball, and lacrosse (yes, at the same time); I was a Ryan Nursing Home volunteer; I worked the radio station a few times; I wrote for and delivered the *Sweet Briar News*; I was a resident assistant (RA), an Orientation Leader, a QV, a member of Aints and Asses, and a prospective student hostess. I never would

have decided to try these activities had I gone to a bigger school, and by participating in these activities, my sense of community grew even stronger.

Baker: Remember, it was the Reagan 80s, so campus was filled with corduroy whale pants, add-a-bead necklaces, penny loafers, Dean sweaters, typewriters with ink cartridges and white out cartridges, L.L. Bean shoes, Mary McKee prints, the General Hospital soap opera every weekday afternoon, and big Texas hair. Harold Whitman was our president. He was like our own grandfather figure. The Yale Whiffenpoofs also made a yearly appearance. The SBC community is a bit like one's own family. One loves them, but they sometimes drive you a bit nuts because everyone tends to know (or thinks they know) you and your business.

Baird: As a student at Sweet Briar, the community life was good. SBC seemed more like a small country rather than just a community. It was lively during the week; weekends were usually quiet. The community was small enough that you knew almost everyone even if you didn't know them well.

Schutze: We tried to keep our focus on the academics, but we were pretty much up for anything that sounded like fun. It's hard to believe now that a friend and I left with only 15 minutes notice for a weekend trip to Vanderbilt. Guys from UVA and W&L were always calling to set up road trips to Sweet Briar. We'd find dates for each other; it was a good way to get to know each other and the guys. We girls knew everything about each other's lives. Whenever someone was all weepy from el dumbo, we played Neil Sadaka's "Breaking up is hard to do" followed, of course, by "Now it's Judy's turn to cry" on the record player. We all knew *all* the words and could sing it LOUDLY. We spent a lot of time in each other's rooms. It was awesome.

4 Is there anything about your Sweet Briar experience that had a lasting, positive effect on you after graduation?

Doss: The friends I made and see question six.

Webber: The entire experience had a positive, lasting effect on me after graduation. At graduation, my father said, "Nothing will ever be as simple as life is right now. It only gets more complicated." Boy, was he right! The friendships I made at SBC have made a lasting impact on my life. Even my children understand after visiting for Reunion. My four-year-old son thinks he's going to Sweet Briar!

Hite: I still have the same group of friends and that friendship is as strong as ever. We still get together for girls' weekends each year.

Reese: I can't put my finger on one thing—there are too many. What comes to mind first is my relationships with my classmates. When I do get together with my former classmates, it's like we never left college. Our recent reunion was a perfect example!

Baker: In the words of a Nike ad, Sweet Briar taught me to "just do it." Take that interview, run that mini-marathon, volunteer for causes one believes in, and sing loudly in church. Remembering the wise words of a speaker at SBC, the basis of what she said was that life will be most difficult at times. Always remember, as a Sweet Briar woman, one has one's good brain and one's books. One can continue to learn and work one's way out of and through trying times. You also have a steadfast College to rely on for help. As a single woman with little family for 20 years, I took solace in the knowledge that SBC was a stable place with resources and a familiar refuge. Important lifelong SBC friendships have also had a lasting, positive effect on my life. Twenty-five



Kathryn Reese



Kathy Baker



Edith Baird



Kathleen Schutze



years later, these friendships are even more precious to me than ever.

Baird: Sweet Briar is a home I can always go back to.

Schutze: I learned that the best way to make sure I got to participate in something was to "head it up" rather than sit around and wait for an invitation. Also, the comfortable relationships I had with my professors at Sweet Briar made it easy to establish a similar rapport with my bosses.

5 What did you do after graduation?

Doss: After graduation, I continued on at Georgia Tech to finish up that degree, which was hard since I "had already graduated." From there, I went to work for the mother of a friend of mine from high school and took some time to figure out what I "wanted to be when I grew up." I decided that I liked helping people and working with computers. I took a job at a health care consulting firm, which led to a job with a healthcare software company. This job strangely led to another job, this time with a cable company that is actively involved with its communities and interested in preserving the environment. While at Georgia Tech, I met my husband-to-be. We now have 2 kids, a boy and a girl, and the girl (with no input from her mother)

decided to paint her bedroom pink and green! Holla Holla!

Webber: I returned to Memphis immediately after graduation and married. I went to work for a cotton brokerage firm until I was hired at the import company that I wanted to work for. I worked for them in all different capacities for seven years. Unfortunately, the U.S. portion of the group filed for bankruptcy, so my boss and I started an import/trading company on a smaller scale. We are still going strong in our eighth year of business. I've also had three children, and my husband and I just celebrated our 15th anniversary.

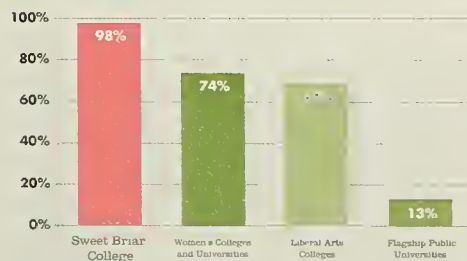
Hite: Got married and went to graduate school. I worked for Ernst & Young for 6 years and then worked at the Naval Academy for 6 years. Now I get to enjoy time with my kids while I work from home.

Reese: After graduation, I worked for the summer to raise money to travel through Europe. I went on Semester-at-Sea my junior year and developed an insatiable thirst for travel. I traveled through Europe for three months during the fall following graduation. In winter, I came home and began my job search. I was hired at Wilmington Trust as a corporate intern and moved into their Trust Department following the intern program. I left the bank after three years to become a teacher, and I eventually got my masters in education from the University of

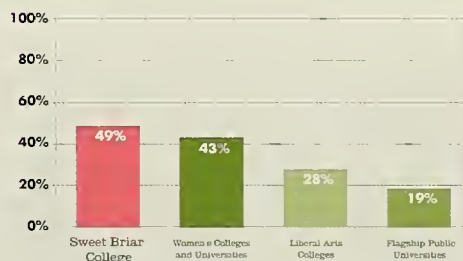
Pennsylvania.

Baker: One week after graduation, I moved to New York City with two suitcases and two other SBC roommates. Blair Redd Barnes and Meg Price Bruno were my very nice and fun roommates. We shared a one-bedroom railroad studio apartment on a fifth floor walk-up on East 88th street. My first job was as a receptionist, order taker, and dress model for the clothing designer Adolfo on 57th Street and Madison Avenue at his Couture Salon. Certainly, the most interesting job I have ever had. Not only did I meet and greet the rich and famous, I had to dress and undress them! After one year, I went on to become a registered representative with Oppenheimer & Co., on Wall Street. After the market downturn of 1987, I became a manager in retail for the next 13 years. All those "all nighters" served me well during my typical 82-100 hour work weeks for many years. Many of my employees were also SBC students. Hired during Career Day at SBC, Katrina Evans Gatti '88 and Stephanie Pearson Davis '95 were my favorite employees!

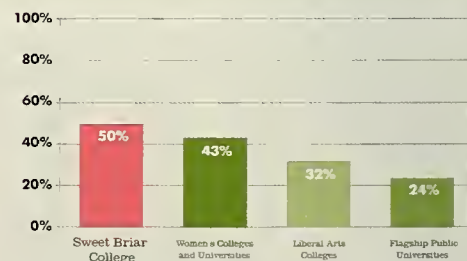
Baird: After graduation, I followed through on my main interests: banking and archeology. My first "real job" was with First Virginia Bank in Falls Church, Virginia. During that time, I belonged to the Great Falls Historical Society and the Archeological Society of Virginia. I



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volunteered most weekends, assisting with projects in the field and lab for Fairfax County archeologists. Later, I left banking to work full time doing archeology for pay in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. About five years later, I went back to work at First Virginia Bank in Falls Church, then in Mechanicsville, Virginia. I'm now working as a customer service representative for Wachovia Bank in Richmond. I moved to the Richmond area to help out my mom in 2002. I'm involved with my church, the Powhatan County Historical Society, gardening, crafts, nephews, and pets.

Schutze: I went into banking and started as a management trainee. I headed up a multibank ATM program in the 80s and ended up as the retail division manager for a bank in D.C. I stopped working after 13 years when my first of three children was born and we moved to Richmond. I haven't worked since. Instead, I've been the captain of way too many tennis teams, coached girls tennis, developed new programs for our church, held leadership positions on various church committees, PTA boards and, of course, the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association since working full time.

Doss: I think the best thing that Sweet Briar gave to me was the ability to look at people based on their personality, not their title, paycheck, or address. The faculty and staff were always there and approachable and that helped me to develop my approach to communication: no one is too high or too low to talk to, to treat with respect, to treat as a member of your family, to be a friend. I now feel comfortable talking to a wide variety of people in different roles.

Webber: Yes. I think that first and foremost everyone should have a strong foundation in reading, speaking, and writing, which is exactly what a liberal arts education gives you. The ability to communicate effectively is so important in business and in personal matters. More specifically, a liberal arts education lends itself to so many different fields. The experience of internships, practical, real-world projects in business classes coupled with Sweet Briar's honor system gave me the foundation to pursue any field I wanted. Once I gained a few years of experience in the work force, I came out ahead of colleagues who had spent an additional couple of years working towards an MBA with little or no experience working.

Hite: Absolutely!

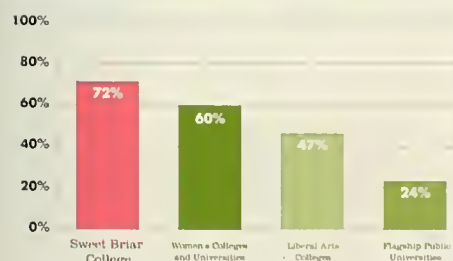
Reese: Sweet Briar prepared me for life after college by teaching me to find my voice. The all-women's campus and the

congenial, caring professors created a safe environment where I learned to inquire, listen, and formulate my own opinions. I graduated a confident and determined person.

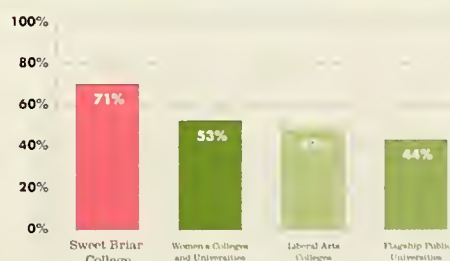
Baker: My father always said, "Business prepares one for business their way, but a liberal arts degree prepares one for life." It is true. Helen Gurley Brown, the editor at *Cosmopolitan* Magazine, was waiting for the elevator next to my desk one day at Adolfo. Being the consummate reporter and nice woman she is, she once asked me how my experience was attending a woman's college. I answered that it was great because we did not even concern ourselves about competing with men at that "young adult" stage of life, thus just got out in the world and did our own thing. Whether it be simply studying and getting through school or running for editor of the yearbook or newspaper, joining SWEBOP, becoming captain of the riding team or swim team, being an overnight hostess, or running for student body president, everyone has hidden talents. Sometimes, it just takes your SBC friends to tell you what yours are!

Baird: SBC gave me a safe home away from home to transition from a high school kid that had never been on her own to a more independent young woman that would be joining the work force and following her dreams. In the end, I learned to never stop

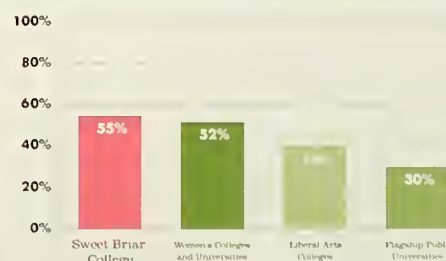
6 Do you believe that Sweet Briar prepared you for life after college?



Sweet Briar receives higher effectiveness ratings than all other colleges and universities for helping students learn to appreciate the fine arts.



Sweet Briar alumnae are more likely than all other graduates to believe it is extremely important to contribute to their community.



Sweet Briar College receives higher effectiveness ratings than other liberal arts colleges and public universities for helping students learn to relate to people of different backgrounds.



learning and that is what I think *does* matter.

Schutze: Yes, not only was I prepared for bank management from all of my social events and academic experience (I could LEAD a meeting), all of my “jobs,” paid or volunteer, called for skills I first developed at Sweet Briar.

7 What is your favorite Sweet Briar memory?

Doss: Sledding on the hill across from the chapel, mist across the fields in the mornings, staying up all night talking in Reid Parlor as we got to know each other, Dr. Judith Elkins, pushing the bus when we ran out of gas on the way to a soccer game, sitting in Prothro with our feet propped up on a chair, Junior Banquet (I think I still have confetti in some boxes), attending the weddings of my friends from Sweet Briar, seeing our kids play together, and all the mini- and full reunions since then.

Webber: There are so many! Walks on the Dairy route, the first “meeting” in Reid after everyone moved in, eating dinner at a professor’s house, Professor Hostetler, feeling like I was home when returning after a break, formal weekends, the leaves turning in the fall, losing electricity after a huge snowfall, homemade yogurt, parties at the Bistro, late night study sessions, graduation, going home with friends, sitting on the junior bench and then finally the senior stairs, Lantern Bearing, Junior Banquet, getting our rings, studying in Paris, being an admissions tour guide, returning for reunions...

Hite: Junior Banquet.

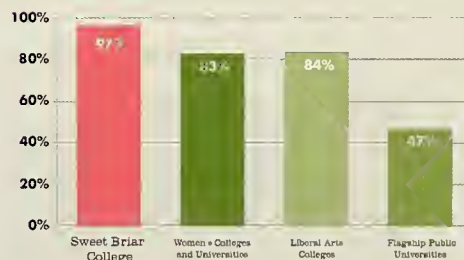
Reese: It’s too hard to pick one favorite memory; however, the story I find myself telling most is a QV story. Katie *Keogh* Weidner and I hid from the Bum Chums in the ceiling of Benedict for 18 hours. This

was a challenge since we only had a 12-inch clearance between the bridge we constructed above the drop ceiling and below the structural ceiling. We were required to go to one class, so we went to Mr. Miller’s economics class ... in the ceiling! I took more notes during that class than ever just to prove I really attended. Maybe I should have attended every class in the ceiling! Mr. Miller knew we were there and covered for us beautifully when the Bums came knocking. We were never caught, and it was an intensely fun time! Holla! Holla!

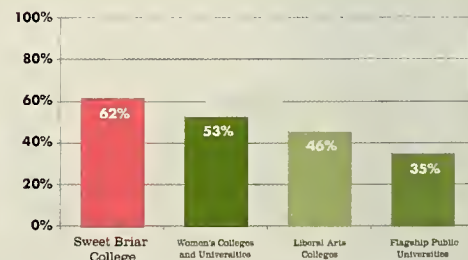
Baker: I relish the memory of the quiet quad in the middle of the night. During many QV drops and meetings, or just staying up all night to write various English papers, I remember the silent sounds of the night noise across the quad. The magical mist rising up from the grass somehow squelched the worries of the day, yet cooled the stresses of student life. A good life indeed, if one is lucky enough to have it at SBC.

Baird: My favorite memories of SBC would be the Big Island salvage archeology dig we did in anthropological archaeology class, Founders’ Day parades up to Daisy’s grave, the 75th anniversary celebration, and my favorite horse, Roger, from riding classes.

Schutze: Walking around the campus at night with my first boyfriend from UVA as he identified the constellations, so romantic. Later that evening, my tummy started hurting so I went to visit some friends in their dorm room and sat on the floor until they marched me down to the infirmary. The next morning Dr. Whitehead took me into Virginia Baptist Hospital where she stayed in the OR with me as they removed my appendix since I was scared to have surgery in an unknown place. So typical of Sweet Briar, romantic and beautiful strolls at night, caring friends, supportive faculty that go above and beyond what’s expected for their girls.



Sweet Briar alumnae are more likely than all other alumnae to say their professors often challenged them academically, but also personally helped them to meet those challenges.



Sweet Briar College receives higher effectiveness ratings than other liberal arts colleges and flagship public universities for helping students learn to think creatively.

Student Interviews

1 Why did you choose to attend Sweet Briar College?

Zerha Rebab Asghar '09: I transferred to Sweet Briar from a very large university because I wanted a more intimate college experience. While it was fun to go to school in a metropolis, it certainly didn't do me any good college-wise. At a university so big, in a city so big, it's easy to get lost because no one cares about what you are doing and what you should be doing. Trying to find counsel is near impossible as college offices are marked with red tape and everyone in authority (registrar, dean, professors, advisors) is unapproachable, intimidating, and uninterested. During my second year, I realized that this wasn't the college experience I had imagined! I wasn't expanding as a person in any dimension, and there was no one at the university who cared or was willing to help. That's when I started looking at smaller schools and found Sweet Briar.

Melissa Ann Simpson '11: I chose to attend SBC because of the small campus and the small class sizes. The atmosphere of the campus was so friendly and warm, and it made me feel liked I belonged. The swim team had a major influence on my decision because I was looking for a division III college to participate in swimming.

Brooke Dolan Agee '09: I will never forget the first day I drove up through the old Sweet Briar gates, I felt like I was coming home. I had been home schooled and, at that point, had been attending a community college. I knew I needed to go to a four-year institution and was instantly

drawn to the classic beauty of Sweet Briar. I was greeted graciously in the Admissions Office with small details such as my name in the welcome frame. During my tour, my mother (who attended Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts) and I were struck by the breadth of academic disciplines and extracurricular activities offered at this small liberal arts women's college. The small class sizes that allowed the development of relationships between the students and faculty were particularly attractive.

My original plan was to graduate from community college and transfer to a larger four-year institution. However, I discovered that one of the requirements for graduation was a traditional math credit,

with no accommodation made for people with learning challenges. After doing some investigation I found that Sweet Briar's requirement for math credit was course work with math components rather than specific math courses. This flexibility addressed my learning style and needs.

2 What has your experience been like so far?

Asghar: I can sincerely say that my experience has been wonderful. I'm expanding as a person at many different levels, and it makes me happy and proud. I feel like everyone at Sweet Briar is teaching me something, with or without realizing



Zerha Rebab Asghar '09 enrolled at Sweet Briar as a transfer student and is studying anthropology. Zehra is pictured in Lucknow, India at the Bada Imambada during her trip on an Urdu Language Berkley Fellowship. L-R: Elizabeth Armour, Zehra Asghar, and instructor Fahmida Bano.



Melissa Ann Simpson '11 is a business major and participates in varsity swimming. She's pictured here with her friends at the 2007-2008 Swim Team Banquet. L-R: Tori Marshall '10, Melissa Simpson '11, Renay Thomas '11.

it. The most obvious teachers are the professors themselves, but other faculty and staff members and my peers have also been instrumental in transforming my outlook, capabilities, and self-confidence.

Simpson: My experience has been great. I have made lots of new friends and have taken wonderful courses. My friends and I have had lots of crazy experiences that have made attending SBC so much fun.

Agee: At the beginning, just like any new student, I was nervous about being able to meet Sweet Briar's academic standards. However, I found the faculty to be supportive and understanding. The transfer of my credits was seamless; I could have entered as a second semester sophomore, but I chose to enter as a first semester sophomore to gain as much of the Sweet Briar experience as possible.

3 Are you glad that you chose SBC?

Asghar: I wanted a school that cares, and Sweet Briar cares. The feeling is mutual.

Simpson: I am extremely glad I chose SBC. At first, I was a little hesitant because I live so close by, and my mother is a professor here—being so close to home was a little unappealing. But everything worked out and living on campus really helps.

Agee: I don't think I could have found a better fit for my personality and learning style! I know that my choice as a German

major and theater minor will provide me with a strong foundation for future careers.

4 Comment on your professors, peers, and the community of SBC.

Asghar: See question two.

Simpson: The professors are very friendly and supportive. They will help the students in any way possible and teach the courses with enthusiasm. The community is very close and supportive of everyone. My peers are very friendly and always know how to cheer someone up when they're feeling bad; they're also extremely supportive of everything you choose to do.



Brooke Dolan Agee '09 is majoring in German and also working toward a theater minor and equine studies certificate. L-R: Brooke Agee '09 and sister Kathi Feitz.

5 Do you think you will stay involved with the College after graduation?

Asghar: Yes: the privileged opportunities I've had to work at the Alumnae Office and with the Development Office as a Phonathon caller have given me a greater appreciation for our alumnae and the importance of a strong alumnae network. I hope to one day become a part of that.

Simpson: I believe that I will stay involved because being an active alumna is very important and helps keep you updated on changes at the College.

Agee: Absolutely! Sweet Briar has become a small family and community for me. With a strong alumnae network I feel that I will share with other alumnae a special and rich connection that will last a lifetime. I couldn't imagine not staying involved: I will always be a part of the Pink Bubble.

Brooke riding Jasper in the Sweet Briar Homecoming 2007 In-House Show.



Thank You Betsy



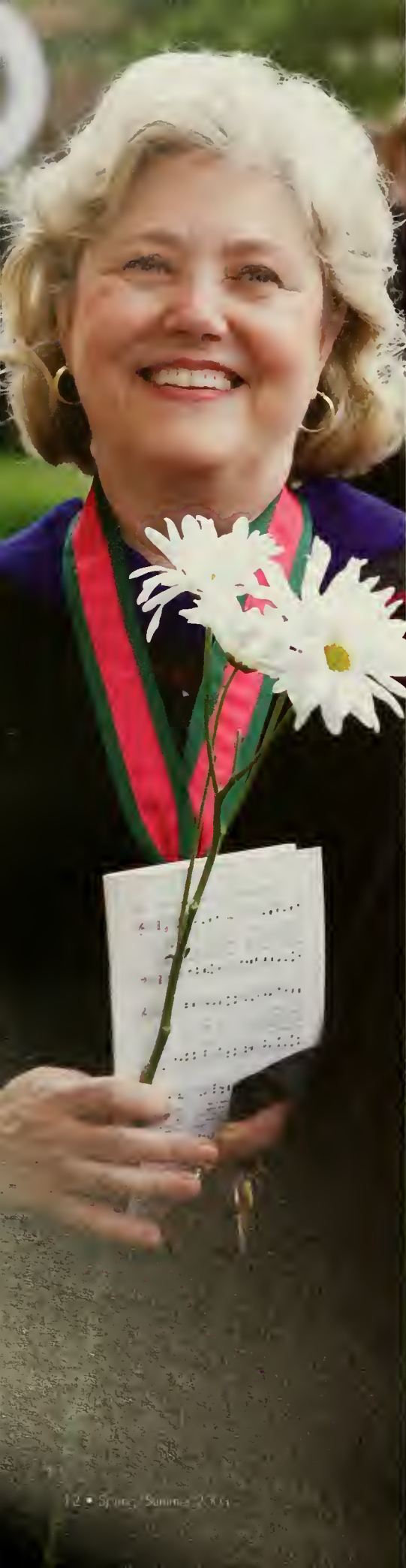
JENNIFER E. CROSSLAND '86,
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT



Betsy became president of our College in 1996, and I still remember meeting her that September in Williamsburg at an event designed to introduce her to the alumnae of central Virginia. There was quite a buzz of

excitement in the room that evening; after all, it had been five years since Sweet Briar had installed a new president, and we felt honored that Betsy had come to our area. More than that, we felt a sense of promise.

Our excitement has not waned a bit over these last 12 years, not only because Betsy has handled with conviction and grace the challenges faced by the College during her tenure, but also because of the strong connection she has forged with alumnae



across the country. Over the years, it has been evident that Betsy so thoroughly understands the essence of a Sweet Briar alumna, you would have thought she was a graduate herself.

Not only has Betsy shown her avid support for alumnae off campus by attending local club events across the nation, but she has also ensured that alumnae visiting campus enjoy the experience. She takes every opportunity to update alumnae of news at the College, whether through speeches or panel discussions; she hosts cocktail parties, garden party luncheons, and seated dinners at Sweet Briar house; she hikes with students and alumnae to Monument Hill after convocation ceremonies; she attends events hosted by the Alumnae Association during Homecoming in the fall and meetings in the spring. I am tired just writing about it, but Betsy is always smiling and seemingly indefatigable.

Betsy has long understood the importance our alumnae play in the financial health of the College and personally has provided volunteer and donor recognition. Working with the Alumnae Office and the Development Office has been a priority for Betsy. Most recently, she has been instrumental in garnering support for a new Fitness and Athletic Center—for which ground was broken this spring—funding for the library project, and for new student housing.

This year Betsy will be traveling across the country visiting many alumnae clubs on her final tour. Show her the same support she has shown us; attend an event in your area, thank her for her devotion, and wish her a fond farewell. Our College is as strong and healthy as it is because of her fine stewardship.

ETHEL OGDEN BURWELL '58, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT 1995–1998



Thirteen years ago, in a small room on campus, I waited with high hopes and baited breath to hear the answer to the Board of Directors' request that Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld become the ninth President of Sweet Briar

College. Betsy's "Yes!" to that question set in motion a wonderful era of growth and accomplishment for my beloved alma mater.

In Betsy's vision for Sweet Briar, she recognized that changing times made it essential that every aspect of the College should be examined and the necessary moves be made to ensure its future as a premiere, educational institution in the twenty-first century. Her leadership and guidance in fulfilling that vision have served Sweet Briar well.

I have watched with awe as she encouraged and listened to ideas and views from every constituency, synthesized what was offered, found the heart of the matter and stated it coherently, then set forth a plan of action that all could follow even when it may not have been their first choice. Such is her credibility.

Betsy's engaging personality and her ability to speak easily with individuals or to any size group with candor and humor convey her wisdom and knowledge. She always leaves her audience with the knowledge that she speaks from her heart and her own love for this College.



Her role as president has seemed not just a job, but a passion. She has set Sweet Briar on a course of educational excellence for young women who want to make a real difference in the world. Her tenure stands as a springboard for a triumphant future for the College. She is leaving it better than she found it, and I am exceedingly grateful for her hard work and service on behalf of my Sweet Briar. I will miss you, Betsy!

KATHY GARCIA PEGUES '71,
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT 1998–2001



I remember the first time I met Betsy Muhlenfeld. It was immediately after she had given her inauguration speech—and I was totally blown away! How did she, coming from a huge co-ed institution, Florida State University, understand so completely the culture and essence of our Sweet Briar College? She spoke as if she had been raised in “Daisy’s Garden.” Clearly, she had done her homework.

Betsy and our daughter, Emily, began their first year at Sweet Briar at the same time. Then, all entering freshmen were put into reading and writing groups during orientation with the assignment of writing a paper that discussed the history and philosophy of women’s education. As a teacher, I remember being very impressed that students were being given the opportunity to write on a college level and have their work assessed without a grade penalty assigned to it. It was a warm-up for

what would be expected in the classroom. From that first week of orientation, the tone was set: immersion in substantive topics and thoughtful, cogent writing were valued here. Sweet Briar was a place that expected one to do her homework.

During Betsy’s tenure, Sweet Briar faced some significant challenges: attracting and retaining talented faculty during a difficult economy; an endowment that needed shoring up; deferred and major repairs to the physical plant; the ongoing need to convey Sweet Briar’s relevance to prospective students while meeting the desires of the current ones. At every board meeting, a very prepared Betsy laid out the current and long-term concerns, invited all to come to the table, and expected everyone to join in the effort to find creative solutions while keeping the essence of Sweet Briar intact. Together, we did our homework, and tended Daisy’s Garden. That Garden is now larger, more beautiful, and more fruitful than when she arrived. Thank you, Betsy, for your unflagging preparation and thoughtful, inspiring stewardship of this most treasured and special place.

DIANE DALTON '67,
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT 2001–2004



When Betsy arrived on Sweet Briar’s campus embracing its history, traditions, and values, she won my support, and when she sat on stage during Founders’ Day Convocation in her academic regalia and



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bright white athletic shoes ready for the walk to Monument Hill, she won my heart.

Betsy's work with the Shape of the Future Committee (SOF) is possibly her greatest gift to SBC. Throughout the process, she actively sought input from the full SBC community, thoughtfully responded to that input, and updated the community on the progress of the committee. With the help of her senior staff, Betsy guided Sweet Briar through a much-needed transformation. The College had been perhaps too lady-like and reserved about her identity. With Betsy's help, Sweet Briar became proud to be a women's college and proud to be pink and green. The committee's and Betsy's work made the Pink Bubble more relevant to the education of women in the twenty-first century.

The SOF initiatives brought focus to SBC's mission and positive attitudes to the community. Betsy led Sweet Briar through this major change with care and grace. In her inauguration address she spoke of "revisioning and reinventing ourselves because we will be a *twenty-first century college*." Like Miss Indie, Betsy is looking forward and has positioned SBC to be at the forefront of women's education. Reaching this goal has been hard work, a lot of fun, and a privilege to be a part of during my term as Alumnae Association President. Thank you Betsy for embracing us and making us better.

LINDA DEVOGT '86, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT 2004-2007



It was truly an honor to work with Betsy and to experience her passion for Sweet Briar, a passion that could only come from someone who understands all the gifts that our alma mater has to offer.

During my term as president of the Alumnae

Association, many new and exciting initiatives were implemented to engage the student and alumnae populations. Among the initial programs were Advisory Councils, the Leadership Certificate Program, the Sweet Briar Promise, the introduction of MAT, M. Ed. and BFA degrees, and a host of other initiatives that enrich the lives of our students and community.

Betsy was a great supporter of my quest to bridge the gap between the student body and the Alumnae Association. Through her support, we were able to create a successful Student Relations Committee program. The work of the committee continues to strengthen relationships between students and alumnae and helps to graduate students who are prepared to be active alumnae and ambassadors for the College.

Thinking back on Betsy's accomplishments, one incident stands out in my memory as to Betsy's mettle. In 2006, Commencement Speaker Judith Martin, better known as Miss Manners, arrived on campus. Many of us are familiar with her eloquent speech, impeccable tact, and expert knowledge of social graces from her thrice-weekly column distributed to 200 newspapers across the United States and beyond, and from her highly regarded etiquette books. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal in 2005, Sweet Briar was prepared to receive a lady of great respect. When Miss Manners arrived at Sweet Briar, a cocktail hour and buffet dinner were served at Sweet Briar House, which must have put everyone involved under considerable pressure. The following morning, Betsy, on her own, served a home-cooked breakfast for Judith and her husband with seamless ease. To me, this provided a glimpse of Betsy's character, which is marked by total grace and self-confidence.

Thank you, Betsy. Your legacy will be long lasting, and Sweet Briar will continue to be a leading learning institution for years to come because of your passion and belief in the College.



On Saturday, May 10, 2008, 141 degrees were awarded at the 99th Commencement of Sweet Briar College. Ten graduate degrees were conferred—two Master of Education and eight Master of Arts in Teaching—and 131 undergraduate, one of which was awarded posthumously.

In some ways, the ceremony was everything one would expect in a college graduation—"Pomp and Circumstance," fond memories recalled to a chuckling audience, admonitions to "never stop learning," and challenges to be leaders and change the world.

But there also were some atypical things. Dark skies loomed, blustery winds threatened to carry off mortarboards, and the graduates wore pink ribbons pinned to their black robes in honor of Laura Jahnke, a beloved classmate who died of cancer in 2007.

A particularly touching moment was when Laura's parents, Doug and Merilee Jahnke, accepted an honorary diploma on their daughter's behalf. As faculty and students rose, clapping, to their feet and her

father pointed toward Heaven, some in the crowd were driven to tears.

Speakers from the Class of 2008 included Katie Whitmire, Kristin Barnes, and Mary Dance. Whitmire talked about College traditions—step singing, lantern bearing, and junior banquet, among others—and said when her friends at home don't get it, she just "gives up and says, 'It's a Sweet Briar thing.'"

In that vein, Sweet Briar College President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld later called leadership "the Sweet Briar thing." The day before, she said, the College awarded its first certificates in its new Leadership Certificate Program.

"When I think about the future, I look at you ... five, ten, twenty years down the road," she said. "What I see is leaders."



Commencement speaker Anna "Chips" Chao Pai '57 delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the vital importance of women's education.

Kristin Barnes, student government association president, talked about college experiences, including study abroad, athletics, music, and other pursuits. "My charge to you is to continue this path of adventure you've begun," she said. "Never stop exploring. Never stop learning. Embrace your path but remember this: You may not change the world, but you can always make a difference to those around you." Kristin also presented the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award to Cheryl Steele, dean of co-curricular life. Voted on by the student body, the award recognizes a staff member for going beyond the call of duty and for enriching the College community.

Mary Dance, chairman of the academic affairs committee, presented the Connie Burwell White Excellence in Teaching Award to associate professor of psychology Tim Loboschewski. The award is given by the student body as a tribute to a professor's dedication to his or her students. Before presenting the award, Mary talked about "this beloved professor." She cited his degrees, honors and publications, and said, "In his spare time, he has made a lasting impression on the Sweet Briar students, performing as Shakespeare in the faculty show and as a scathing critic in the latest 'So you think you can dance? Sweet Briar Edition.'"

The keynote speaker for commencement was Anna *Chao* Pai, a 1957 graduate of Sweet Briar and a charter member of the College's Athletics Hall of Fame. Anna, better known as "Chips," is professor emerita at Montclair State University in



Three of commencement speaker Anna Pai's classmates came to the ceremony to congratulate the seniors and support their classmate. L-R: Nancy Godwin Baldwin, Anna "Chips" Chao Pai, Aileen "Ninie" Laing, and Mary Landon Brugh.

New Jersey.

Chips immigrated to the United States with her parents, who had fled the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931. Her family traveled first to Beijing, where she was born, and then on to America. Chips has lived in this country since 1940.

In a speech entitled, "Challenges, Privileges and Obligations," she talked, among other things, about her experiences as an immigrant—learning to speak English, dealing with discrimination, and the "generational and cultural gap" between her siblings and her parents.

"Being an immigrant is never easy, especially to a child who could not understand discrimination," Chips said. "My life was full of challenges, but they gave my life meaning and direction. Challenges are a part of everyone's lives. The most daunting ones can actually be an opportunity to achieve goals and become what we wish to be."

On that line, Chips told the graduates they would continue to face "glass ceilings" and other obstacles because they were women—particularly the women of color. "But make no mistake," she said. "You can be whatever you wish to be because of your education, and in part because of the lessening of sexual and racial discrimination in our society.

"But you will still need more—the determination to work as hard as necessary to succeed in your goals, the willingness to make mistakes along the way and learn from them instead of being beaten down by them, the courage to overcome the fear of failure and to try something daunting, balanced by the self awareness to go as far as you can."

In closing, Chips said, "I give you one of my favorite lines that I heard once in a talk. A child wrote to his father serving in the Vietnam War. 'I hope you live your whole life.' I can't think of a more wonderful wish for every one of you."

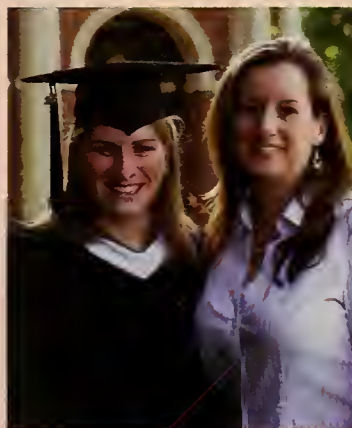
ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Jusan Rodriguez '08 with sister Angela Rodriguez '01.



Brittany and Briana Deane, Class of 2008.



Catherine Cox '08 with sister Amy Whitney Rippey '01.



Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98, Celeste Wackenhut '08, and Sophie Wackenhut Syzmanski '02.



Jennifer Milby and Kristin Chapdelaine prepare for Commencement 2008.



L-R: Tiffany Meadows, Adlyn Perez-Figueroa, Laura Gandy, and Sarah Ansani.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Mary Spears Dance

American Association of University Women

Theron Diana McLeod

The Anthropology and Archeology Department Book Prize

Kelsey Marie Dellaport

The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Nicole Marie Levesque

The Crysler Award

Caroline Elizabeth Byrd

The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Science Award

Erica Brett Franklin

The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Studies Award

Megan Cathreen Maloney

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Shanna Patricia Ryan

The German Embassy Book Prize

Julie Elizabeth Midgley

The Goethe-Institut Buchpreis

Tiffany Nicole Meadows

The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Celeste Caroline Lucie Wackenhut

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Adlyn Marie Perez-Figueroa

L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Elizabeth Joan Killiam

Lisa Michelle Ruffle

The George H. Lenz Excellence in Physics Award

Christian Ann Johnson

The Mathematical Sciences Award

Rachel E. Gotwalt

Kathryn Elisabeth Whittemore

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theater Arts

Jacqueline Renee Tusing

The Helen K. Mull Graduate Fellowship in Psychology

Alexandra Gold DiFeliceantonio

Alison Elizabeth Carr

Adlyn Marie Perez-Figueroa

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Leslie Marie Lewis

Barbara J. Payne

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Elizabeth Joan Killiam

The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish

Alexandra Gold DiFeliceantonio

The Presidential Medalists

Mary Spears Dance

Natalie Ann Batman

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Erin Lynn Rogers

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award

Allison Michelle Hancock

2nd Annual English Essay Awards: Critical/Experimental Essay 1st Place

Barbara J. Payne

2nd Annual English Essay Awards: Critical/Experimental Essay Runner Up

Leslie Marie Lewis

2nd Annual English Essay Awards: Personal Essay 1st Place

Jessica Anne Joiner

2nd Annual English Essay Awards: Personal Essay Runner Up

Sarah Elizabeth Ansani

SGA Service in Excellence Award

Catherine Elizabeth Cox

Diana Kaye Simpson

The Connie M. Guion Award

Theron Diana McLeod

The Emily Watts McVea Scholar

Mary Spears Dance

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

Elizabeth Ashley Anderson

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

Margaret Elizabeth Barnes

Anne Marie Lojek

The Walker Family Award

Kristin Marie Chapdelaine

Jennifer Paige Milby



Master of Arts in Teaching graduates, L-R: Margaret Howell, Angela Bennett, Anne Barrow, David McDonald, Hollie Jennings, Jessica Wooten, Jennifer Lowrey, and Danielle Dionne.



Turning Point Students, Barbara Payne, Mary Nash, and Theron McLeod.



Master of Education graduates: Julie McAndrews and Kimberly Gibson.

Faculty Awards



Tim Loboschewski, associate professor of psychology, received the Connie Burwell White Excellence in Teaching Award at Commencement 2008. Mory Dance '08, chairman of the academic affairs committee presented the award.



The 2008 recipient of the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award is Cheryl Steele. This award was presented to Cheryl at Commencement by Kristin Barnes, senior class president.

Presidential Medalists



Natalie Batman



Mary Dance

This year, two students were named as Presidential Medalists, Mary Dance and Natalie Batman. The Presidential Medal is given to a senior or seniors who have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement in addition to distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community, contributions to the arts, enlargement of the College's global perspective, athletic fitness and achievement, leadership and contributions to the community discourse. Natalie graduated with a degree in economics and was the Senior Class Campaign Chair. She was also on the Campus Christian Fellowship Leadership Team, a Commonwealth Scholar, and an Honors Scholar. Mary graduated with degrees in both Government and Classics. She served as chairwoman of the Academic Affairs Committee, the fashion columnist for *The Voice*, and chairwoman of the Admissions Hostess Program.

2008 Outstanding Alumna Award

Elizabeth “Betty” Stanly Cates

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT REUNION CONVOCATION, MAY 17, 2008, WAS GIVEN BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION SECOND VICE PRESIDENT NANCY MORTENSEN PIPER '74

Betty's devotion to Sweet Briar is evident through the many ways in which she has served the College. Often called “a one-woman committee,” Betty is known for her “encyclopedic knowledge” of alumnae relationships and “unparalleled enthusiasm” for Sweet Briar.

It is my great pleasure and privilege, as Second Vice President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Betty Stanly Cates of the Class of 1963, recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Alumna Award. This award, a high honor in the Sweet Briar community and beyond, recognizes alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity.

Those of you who knew Betty as a student at Sweet Briar and who know her today as a friend, family member, fellow professional, and volunteer would describe her as one of the kindest people you've ever known, courteous, tons of fun, considerate, gracious, spiritual, and loyal. It's a known fact that once you're Betty's friend, you're Betty's friend for life.

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A great part of Betty's loyalty to Sweet Briar comes from the experiences she had

as a student. Betty majored in religion and became a baptized Episcopalian right here on campus. Through the loss of her mother during her sophomore year, the support group she found at Sweet Briar gave her hope. To this day, Betty says that Former Sweet Briar Chaplain Frank McClain saved her soul. He baptized her in what many of you remember as the Manson Chapel, which today has been converted into a dormitory. Betty recognizes three classmates as her godmothers: Meta Bond Magevney, Elizabeth “Lisa” Wood Hancock, and Ruth “Penny” Pamplin Reeves.

From 1968–1973 Betty was the 1963 Class Secretary, taking on the sometimes difficult task of gathering class notes; and from 1994–1998 she was Class President. During the latter years of her term, she became a member of the Alumnae Association Board and the College Board of Directors. Betty served on the Board of Directors for seven years, filling roles on various committees including Buildings and Grounds, Development, and the Ad Hoc Centennial Committee. Through her commissions, she played a key role in College fundraising, in helping to facilitate our celebration of the College's heritage at the centennial, and in increasing the College's publicity in several areas of the nation. As a member of the Board,

“Betty's penetrating questions and excellent sense of alumnae concerns have been invaluable.”

Betty has served as co-chair for the Reunion Gifts Committee, and, with the help of her classmate Allison Stemmons Simon, helped to establish the 1963 50th Reunion Fund in preparation for that special reunion. She was an early leader and donor in the recent *Our Campaign For Her World*, which was successfully concluded in 2006 and had a tremendous impact on the future of SBC through the construction of new facilities such as the Student Commons and Arts Barn, the establishment of new scholarships and academic funds, and an increase in unrestricted giving to the College.

Betty has been instrumental in the vitality of the Florida Alumnae Club, which includes some of our most generous donors and most active alumnae. For 13 years and counting, Betty has arranged for a Sweet Briar professor to lecture at the Vero Beach Distinguished Professor Series held at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. She has invited faculty, staff, and alumnae to her home and to local venues for receptions. She has unfailingly received these College guests with grace and kindness. Her efforts have built a long-standing relationship between the College, alumnae, and current and prospective

students in the Florida area. Clearly, Betty has helped Sweet Briar place a strong foothold on a bright future.

While Betty's love for Sweet Briar is evidently great, the scope of her generosity is broad. Sweet Briar is proud to say that another one of its graduates is "making a difference." Betty is dedicated to a number of institutions. Since 1992, she has been an Honorary Rotarian and a John's Island Property Owner's Association Board Member. For 11 years, she was on the board of the American Cancer Society and went on to establish the Alvin B. Cates Fund in honor of her late husband. This fund assists children suffering from cancer. She supports the University of Florida in loving memory of her father and has been involved with the Vero Beach Center for Arts for many years. From 1995–1998 Betty volunteered as Chairman of the Lecture Luncheon Program for the Center.

Betty understands the power of volunteering, and her generous gifts of time, talent, and resources to the College are celebrated today. She has taken on a personal, lasting commitment to Sweet Briar by naming the College in her will, thus joining the College's distinguished society of Williams Associates. She is also a member of the Silver Rose Society, which recognizes those donors who have consistently given gifts for at least 25 years.

In short, Betty is the epitome of an outstanding alumna: selfless, caring, active, loyal, welcoming, intelligent, admirable, inquisitive, and generous. We commend her for her love of Sweet Briar, her belief in women's education, and her dedication to the College's future.



Elizabeth "Betty" Stanly Cates '63 Accepts the Outstanding Alumna Award

My standing here today as an Outstanding Alumna is living proof that "Miracles never cease!" Thank you Betsy, Louise, Nancy, and everyone! Especially Meta, Lisa, and Penny who were willing to stand up for me in Manson Chapel in 1961! And, Frank McClain, I hope you are watching.

I am truly overwhelmed by this honor, especially when I review the list of those who have received it before me. I am pleased to see three recipients from my hometown of Jacksonville, Florida: Jacquelyn *Strickland* Dwelle, Preston *Hodges* Hill, and Helen *Murchison* Lane. I also have a special salute for Julia *Sadler* de Coligny, who was my faculty advisor here at Sweet Briar, to my classmate Allison *Stemmons* Simon, and to Nancy *Godwin* Baldwin '57 who literally admitted me to Sweet Briar! I can assure you that I am the least accomplished of all these women, but none of them could be more grateful to Sweet Briar than I am.

I am connected to Sweet Briar today because I am the liaison between the College and the Vero Beach Museum of Art. Eleanor Barton taught me

Art History my freshman year and gave me a D warning—and she would be astounded by this news! As a newly elected Board Member of the Vero Beach Museum of Art in 1994, I was "in the right place at the right time" to arrange for Sweet Briar to have one of their professors speak every year in the Distinguished Professor Series at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. I wish each and every one of you could attend one of these lectures. I can't begin to describe the *pride* in Sweet Briar that these professors bring to my community and to my heart! We have now had 14 speakers—including our President Betsy and our Dean Jonathan Green. Rebecca *Massie* Lane literally *danced* across the stage when she spoke about the Sensations Exhibit at the Brooklyn museum in New York! Barbara Perry's specialty is the Justices of the Supreme Court. Not long after her lecture I was invited to a small dinner party in Vero Beach in honor of Sandra Day O'Connor and her husband John. I called Barbara Perry and she prepared me so well for the evening that my hostess was *stunned*! Our speaker this year was Dr. Tracy Hamilton,

and we can all hear her lecture "Pilgrimage Across Cultures" this afternoon at 4:15.

I was privileged to serve on the Alumnae Association Board for four years, beginning in 1997, followed by three years on the Board of Directors of the College. I gained a new respect for Sweet Briar in those years and made some very meaningful friendships. My tenure was at an optimum time because I came on the Board at the same time that Betsy was installed as President of Sweet Briar. I have also had the good fortune to be on two Sweet Briar trips hosted by Betsy and Larry. I think we *all* know that Betsy has given her heart, her mind, and her life to Sweet Briar for over 12 years now and her retirement in 2009 is well won. She has certainly been a true friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to me.

In closing, I'm going to quote from Betsy's Inaugural Address in 1997: "We are re-envisioning and reinventing ourselves because we will be a 21st-century college and, if we do our work well, it will be hard to match us." *You've done it well, Betsy, and we thank you!!!* Need I say more?

Reunion Scrapbook 2008



11 members of the Class of 1948 returned to Sweet Briar to celebrate their 60th Reunion! RG: 31,240; PART: 58%; TG: \$362,611.

12 members of the Class of 1953 along with 8 of their husbands celebrated their 55th Reunion. The post-50th Classes were welcomed with a dinner on Friday night hosted by Dean Jonathan Green and his wife Lynn Buck at the Conference Center. RG: \$31,447; PART: 41%; TG: 628,787.



This year during Reunion Weekend, Sweet Briar honored the Class of 1958 as 44 of them attended this special event. Rebecca Gardner and her beautiful 10-mo.-old baby, Shirley, were present in celebration of Rebecca's mother, the late Shirley McCallum Davis. RG: \$263,116; PART: 74%; TG: \$707,182.



Each class made three announcements at Convocation:

Reunion Gift to the Annual Fund (RG);

Class Participation: (PART);

Five Year Total Giving (to all funds): TG

Photos by Aaron Mahler.



The Class of 1963 had their photo taken at the Farm House, home of Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, executive director of alumnae affairs. Enjoying the beautiful spring weather in the backyard, the Class had a delicious dinner in honor of classmate Betty Stanly Cates, the 2008 Outstanding Alumna Award recipient. 35 members of the class were present. RG: \$77,130; PART: 66%; TG: \$624,055.



15 members of the Class of 1968, returning for their 40th reunion, enjoyed a great weekend, filled with picnics, tours of campus, and time to reminisce. RG: \$50, 672; PART: 39%; TG: \$242, 573.



The Class of 1973 celebrated Reunion Weekend with 26 members back on campus. At Reunion Convocation on Saturday morning, President Muhlenfeld announced that the Participation Award for Annual Giving, which recognizes the highest percentage of participation in the Annual Fund during the reunion year for classes celebrating their 25th-50th reunions, would be given to two classes! The Class of 1973 and 1983 tied for this impressive award. Congratulations! RG: \$59,125; PART: 81%; TG: \$409,170.



The Class of 1978 boasted 45 members in attendance for their 30th reunion! This class enjoyed the weekend's activities, including: picnics, alumnae colleges, campus tours, and more. RG: \$37, 176; PART: 62%; TG: \$204,147.



29 members of the Class of 1983 attended their 25th reunion. In celebration of this special reunion year, the class met for a Mexican-themed dinner party at the boat-house on Friday night. At Reunion Convocation, President Muhlenfeld announced that the Participation Award for Annual Giving, which recognizes the highest percentage of participation in the Annual Fund during the reunion year for classes celebrating their 25th-50th reunions, would be given to two classes! The Class of 1973 and 1983 tied for this award. Congratulations! RG: \$37,221; PART: 81%; TG: \$106,634.



25 members of the Class of 1988, accompanied by 7 children and 8 husbands, returned to campus for their 20th reunion. The Class of 1988 gave an adorable skit at Convocation on Saturday; they sang a tribute to Prothro Dining Hall's "Cheese Betty," a treat that holds a lot of great, and possibly humorous, memories for them. RG: \$14,940; PART: 35%; TG: \$72,748.



13 members of the Class of 1993 returned to campus for their 15th reunion. Mimi Davies Wroten hosted a welcome party for her classmates at her nearby home. RG: \$6,588; PART: 51%; TG: \$46,450.



The Class of 2003 celebrated their very first reunion at Sweet Briar, five years after their graduation date. 15 classmates attended the weekend. RG: \$7,848; PART: 23%; TG: \$45,101.



56 members of the enthusiastic Class of 1998 attended their 10-year Reunion Weekend. This class worked diligently throughout the year to stir up the reunion excitement. At Convocation, President Muhlenfeld announced that this class won the well-deserved Participation Award for Annual Giving, which recognizes the highest percentage of participation in the Annual Fund during the reunion year for the classes celebrating their 5th-20th reunions. The class achieved 65 % participation, setting a new all-time record for the largest unrestricted class gift in a 10th reunion. Congratulations! RG: \$29,081; PART: 65%; TG: \$176,741.



President Muhlenfeld, Betty Stanly Cates, and Dean Green welcomed a beautiful day for Saturday's festivities.

1963 classmates Meta Bond Magevney, Lisa Wood Hancock, Betty Stanly Cates, Penny Pamplin Reeves, Virginia Cates Mitchell gather before Convocation.



(below) The Class of 1983 pose with their Participation Award for Annual Giving.



(above) The Participation Award for Annual Giving was given to two classes this year: 1973 and 1983. Here, the Class of 1973 stands proudly with the award.

(below) Class of 1998 gather around their Participation Award for Annual Giving, announced during Convocation.





Judges and friends enjoy Saturday night's dinner and dance. L-R: Mr. David Ludwick, Mr. Edward Harris, Jr. and his wife The Honorable Dale Hutter Harris '53, Kirk Tucker Clarkson '53 and her husband The Honorable Jack Clarkson.



Lynn Buck, Tom Ballard, and Mary Fran Ballard '49 enjoy cocktails before the meal to celebrate the post-50th classes.



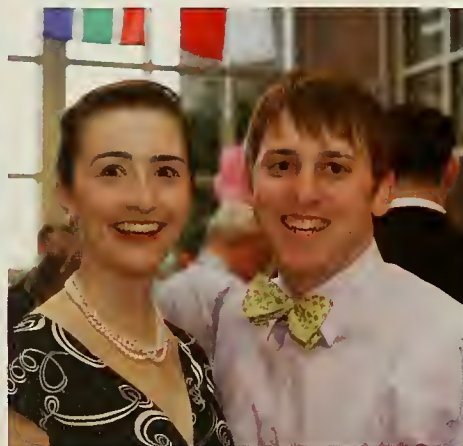
On Saturday night, the Prothro Dining Hall offered several delicious dining options for the Reunion celebration. A favorite for many was the pasta station.



Rick Liambeer, husband of Alice Cutting Liambeer '83, and daughter Margot cut-a-rug on the dance floor.



Olevia Neary Carothers '03 and husband Durell at Saturday night's dinner and dance. Olevia is the Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club President.



1998 Classmates, L-R: Gretchen Gravely Tucker, Joelle Jackson, Isabel Jean-Pierre, and Amanda Diamond Ring.



Ethel Ogden Burwell announces awards and goals for 1958.

1958 ladies perform a rap song in honor of their class accomplishments.



The Class of 1998 is awarded the Participation Award for Annual Giving. On stage are President Muhlenfeld, Class Secretary Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett '98, and Class President Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar '98.

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Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 *SBC's First Graduates, Class of 1910:*
Anne Cumnock Miller*
Eugenia Griffin Burnett*
Louise Hooper Ewell*
Frances Murrell Rickards*
Annie Powell Hedges*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30*
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19*
and Helen H. McMahon '23*
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
and Martha van Briesen '31*
- 1977 Jacquelyn Strickland Dwelle '35*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stahlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dawd Burton '46*
and Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Caligny '34*
- 1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40
and Sarah Adams Bush '43*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Lewis '43
and Catharine Fitzgerald Baaker '47*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60
and Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46
and Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison "Allie" Stemmons Simon '63
- 2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
- 2001 Nannette McBurney Crowder '57
- 2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34*
and Ann Morrison Reams '42
- 2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58
- 2004 Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith White '59
- 2005 Norma Patteson Mills '60
- 2006 Martha Mansfield Clement '48
- 2007 Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57
- 2008 Elizabeth "Betty" Stanly Cates '63

Step Up Your Giving...

Invest. Increase. Inspire!

EMILY C. VERMILYA '08, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

Sweet Briar is stepping into the future at warp speed with increased enrollment, new construction, and rigorous academic and internship programs. The College needs you to step up and keep pace through your giving to the Annual Fund.

This fall, Sweet Briar welcomed 226 new students. This is yet another record-breaking year for the College! Enrollment has continued to increase 20% over the past five years, bringing even more success and exciting new initiatives to campus.

With growth comes change, and Sweet Briar is experiencing both. Last April, board members, faculty, staff, and students wearing pink hard hats participated in the groundbreaking for the new 53,000-square-foot Fitness and Athletics Center. This environmentally sound addition to the campus provides a wellness resource that students and the community want and need to maintain an active and engaged lifestyle. In September, Sweet Briar broke ground yet again. The new residence hall now in progress is the first

the College has built since 1960. It allows students to live independently in apartment-style housing and, like the Fitness and Athletics Center, has been built with the environment in mind.

While Sweet Briar continues to raise the bar, students are eagerly stepping up as well. The College is not only growing through enrollment and new buildings, but also through increasing academic and internship programs. This past May saw the graduation of the first engineering students. Sweet Briar added the engineering program three years ago and became the second women's college to offer engineering programs. Students are participating in high quality, résumé-building internships around the world. The College has seen a 42% increase in student internships over the past four years. Sweet Briar is outpacing similar institutions by 12%, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement. Engineering students stayed on campus this summer to participate in an energy audit, while others traveled to places such as Dublin, the Caribbean,



and Afghanistan to complete their internships.

This impressive growth is sustained through giving. Careful planning and vision for resources is a hallmark of the Annual Fund. Each year the Annual Fund provides critical support to current programs and makes planning for new initiatives possible. Giving to Sweet Briar's Annual Fund is the most effective way to support the vision for women's education that you share with the College. Your gifts are valued treasures that change the lives of young women who benefit directly from your financial commitment.

Sweet Briar students are leading the charge in increased giving. This year's Senior Class Campaign had unprecedented 93% participation and raised a class gift totaling over \$20,000 for the Annual Fund.

On top of the success of the Senior Class, Sweet Briar increased the awareness and knowledge of philanthropy to

all members of the community. In true Sweet Briar style, seven academic departments on campus reached 100% Annual Fund participation this year.

Now is the time for you to make your best gift to Sweet Briar College. If you have never given, now is the time to start. Don't miss out on Sweet Briar's bright future. If you traditionally only give at Reunion, now is the time for you to commit to giving every year. If you give to the Annual Fund every year, now is the time to increase your giving and move to the next giving society level.

Don't be left behind! Sweet Briar has picked up the pace and the College's growth and excellence cannot be sustained without your dedicated support. Review your plan for philanthropic giving and ensure that you are making your best gift to support the College you value. Step up your giving and experience the joy and power that comes from making a difference. *Invest. Increase. Inspire!*

Save regularly and budget a gift for Sweet Briar to promote excellence in women's education.

Talk about your commitment to support Sweet Briar with those around you.

Explore ways that you can give, and expand your impact by becoming an Annual Fund volunteer.

Pick up the pace this year by increasing your gift and moving to the next giving society level.

Use your gift to make a difference in the lives of others by making your best gift to the Annual Fund.

Participate in the College's growth and success by committing to give EVERY YEAR!

Architectural Literacy for Everybody

*What You've Wondered about Classical Architecture
but Were Afraid to Ask*

Discover the fascination of the architecture we see around us every day. The Tusculum Institute of Sweet Briar College and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will jointly present an introductory course on Classical Architecture in the Tyson Auditorium of Benedict Hall on Saturday, November 15, 2008, beginning at 9:30 a.m. In four extensively illustrated lectures, Calder Loth, senior architectural historian for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, will discuss the essence of the classical language of architecture and show how it has enriched our cultural landscape. Learn how to "read," our visually rich surroundings just like a book. The course is intended for those who know little about architecture, but love buildings and want to learn the special meaning of their many details.

Registration, box lunches, and reception following in Sweet Briar House are offered at no charge to Sweet Briar College alumnae, students, and faculty. Members of the general public are welcome to attend for a fee of \$25.00, which includes the four lectures, box lunch, and afternoon reception at Sweet Briar House.

To register, contact Bob Carter at bob.carter@dhv.virginia.gov or call 434-381-6321. Registration deadline is November 7.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

MORNING

Lecture I

BASIC ARCHITECTURAL LITERACY: An exploration of the basic vocabulary and grammar of the Classical archi-



ture and its application to familiar landmarks both in Virginia and afar.

Lecture II

GREEK ACCENT: An explanation of the differences between Greek and Roman Classicism and the importance of distinguishing between the two.

BREAK

Box lunches will be served in Tyson Auditorium.

AFTERNOON

Lecture III

ARCHITECTURAL DNA: A heavily illustrated examination of the ancient origins and rationale of numerous architectural details seen everyday in Virginia.

Lecture IV

VIRGINIA TRADITIONAL: An analysis of the inspiration for many typical works of Virginia traditional architecture. The discussion will be highlighted with both literate and illiterate examples of traditional design.

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You will be proud to display this custom made, nylon Sweet Briar College flag with the College seal. It measures 28x43 and is hand sewn on both sides. (Pole not included.) Price: \$39.99, plus shipping cost of \$10.25.

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Dear Alumnae Authors:

The Helen Cochran Library keeps a collection of alumnae publications. Each year during Reunion Weekend, the reuniting classes' books from the collection are on display for all attendees. If you'd like to be a part of this collection, your books may be donated directly to: The Helen Cochran Library c/o Joyce Kromar P.O. Box 200 Sweet Briar VA 24595



Ruth Canada at her surprise retirement party in Le Bistro.

Ruth Canada

STEVE BAILY, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANT

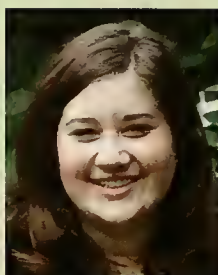
Ruth Canada is retiring after 40 years of service. She was hired as a housekeeper in 1967 and has been a dedicated employee throughout those years in meeting the needs of the College. Since her arrival she has worked in many buildings on campus and always made each day brighter with her pleasant disposition and helpful attitude. She will certainly be missed by all. We wish her happy days ahead.

Lacy Rourke and Mary Dance '08

KEN HUUS, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

I am pleased to announce that the Admissions Office has hired two new assistant directors of admissions.

Lacy Rourke comes to us from Cottey College (2-year women's college in Missouri), where she was working as an admissions counselor for the past year. Lacy graduated from Cottey in 2005 and enrolled at Ripon College (Wisconsin) that fall, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2007 with a double major in history and politics and government. She participated in the Washington Semester at American University in the fall of 2006, and was active in both the admissions offices



Lacy Rourke



Mary Dance '08

and student development offices as an undergraduate at both Cottey and Ripon.

Mary Dance '08 graduated from Sweet Briar with a double major in government and classical studies. She worked in the admissions office as a tour guide for 3 years and this year as the Hostess Program Chairwoman. She has served on the instruction and general education committees for the last two academic years, the Academic Affairs Committee for the last 3 years (the most recent year as Chairwoman), and the Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Department Advisory Committee. She has also written a column for Sweet Briar's student newspaper, *The Voice*, for the last two years.

Alison Malloy

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

Alison Malloy is the new director of residence life. She started in mid-June. Prior to coming to Sweet Briar, Alison spent three years as an area coordinator in the residence life department at Virginia Tech. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Hollins University and a Master of Education from Virginia Tech.

Alison lives on Faculty Row with her dog, Lady. When she's not working, the Timberville, VA., native likes to spend time with her family, travel—her favorite place is Disney World—and do crafts.

Lynn Rainville

PRESIDENT ELISABETH MUHLENFELD

It is my pleasure to announce that beginning this summer, Dr. Lynn Rainville, who has served Sweet Briar as assistant professor of anthropology and archeology since 2001, took on an exciting challenge as the founding director of the Tusculum Institute. As



Alison Malloy



Lynn Rainville

many of you know, the idea for a Tusculum Institute was born from the confluence of two events: the acquisition by the College of Tusculum, the mid-eighteenth century home of Indiana Fletcher Williams' mother Maria Antoinette Crawford Fletcher, and the commitment of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to enter into a public/private partnership to establish a satellite office at Sweet Briar College, assist with the rebuilding of Tusculum, and provide outreach to the Central Virginia area.

The College envisions the Tusculum Institute as a resource both for the campus and for the Central Virginia region. Its mission will incorporate the work of the satellite operation of the Department of Historic Resources as well as other educational outreach to the broader community in matters dealing with education, history (particularly the use of historic resources to teach history and social studies), historic preservation, sustainability, and related areas. In her new role, Lynn will report directly to me for the year, and will be responsible for helping to shape the scope and mission of the Tusculum Institute, create an advisory committee, develop a strategic plan for the Institute, and generate inaugural programming that supports its strategic mission. Her work with the social and physical history of Sweet Briar's campus, and with plantation burial grounds and African American communities throughout the Central Virginia region, has led Lynn to establish ties to a number of local communities including the Monacan Indians in Amherst County, and has fueled her long-standing interest in public history. Together, these research interests make her an ideal leader for this new enterprise. Lynn's appointment is a half-time commitment and will carry an appointment as Research Professor in the Humanities. Please join me in thanking Lynn for taking on this important challenge that has so much potential for Sweet Briar.

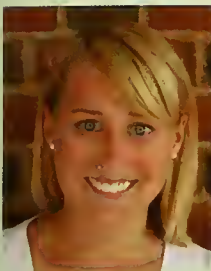


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Emily Vermilya '08

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Emily Vermilya '08 joined Sweet Briar's Annual Giving team as assistant director of annual giving at the beginning of June after graduating with a major in psychology and a minor in art history from Sweet Briar. Her areas of responsibility include the Senior Class Campaign, Young Alumnae Giving, Phonathon, and 5th and 10th Year Reunion Class Giving. She is excited to get to work and to help these programs grow further.

Emily is thrilled to be staying at Sweet Briar, a place she loves. She has great plans for the Senior Class Campaign. "My class reached 93% participation this past year, and I'm excited to see what the Class of 2009 can do," she says. Emily is also looking forward to Phonathon. "The Phonathon has performed impressively in the past several years and I'd like to grow it even more. I also look forward to working closely with the students and teaching them what I know about the importance of philanthropy," she explains. Emily brings enthusiasm and a hard-working attitude to her job, and we're excited to have her on staff.

Retire?

Spirited 'Ms. Pat' Redefines the Word

Chaplain's assistant will remain familiar presence on campus.

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER

Patience "Pat" Caldwell Richeson, an assistant to three different Sweet Briar chaplains over 17 years, made a promise before she retired on May 9.

She was reflecting on, among other things, how her beloved peer mentoring group, the Sweet Spirits, has flourished since it was founded by former chaplain Guy "Chap" Brewer.

To the Rev. Adam White, her boss of the past two years, she said, "And it better keep going after I'm gone, or I'll come back and haunt you. I'll ride right through here on my broom stick."

White was unfazed. He will safeguard the Sweet Spirits, to whom Richeson is known as "Ms. Pat." When they were not planning a Habitat for Humanity project or other good works, the Spirits helped Richeson in the chaplain's office, witness to both her genuine mentoring and her puckish humor.

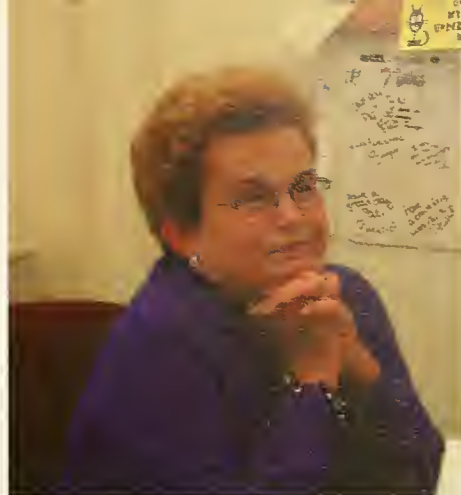
Madeline Davis '10 says she set an example by "working hard and being open," but she was something of an instigator, too.

White, Sweet Briar's genial, guitar-playing and somewhat famously distracted chaplain, bore the brunt of Richeson's teasing, but it wasn't all just for laughs. "She calls him 'son.' " Davis said. "She'll say, 'Come here, sonny, you need to do this.' "

Brewer wasn't immune to Richeson's maneuverings, either. He recalled one of her "quirkier" feats was talking him into an office cat. He likes cats, he explained, just not at work.

But after a bunch of mice leaped from Richeson's desk drawer one day, Callie reported for duty over Brewer's protestations of allergic students and fur on his good clothes. Callie ensured the latter by sleeping on his chair every night, but he conceded the students loved the little calico—even if they had to wear masks to pet her.

"Students would come by on the pretext of seeing me, but it was really to see the cat," he said by phone from his new post at the



Anderson University School of Theology. "Pat enjoyed the torture that cat brought my life."

Richeson, a former dancer and avid photographer, earned a bachelor's in studio arts as a Turning Point student at Sweet Briar in 1991. She began working at the College the same year.

In 1986, she was running the Clifford School of Dance with her mother when she decided to go back to college. She had attended then-Mary Washington College in 1958, but was lured away by a young U.S. airman. She and Tom Richeson, who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary this year, were seniors at Amherst County High School when they began dating.

"The plan was he'd do his four-year hitch [in the air force] and I'd do my four-year hitch, but we decided we couldn't wait," Richeson said.

Not wanting to disappoint their parents, they married in secret. Richeson wore her ring only when she was alone until baby sister Ella—well known to Sweet Briar as professor of dance Ella Magruder—caught her wearing it one day.

Richeson recalls the youngster bolting for the door, yelling, "Oh Mama, Patsy's got a ring!"

Though she grabbed Ella, who was at the time "old enough to be aggravating," and extracted a promise of silence, her mother eventually caught on. With the cat out of the bag, she left a year later to join her husband who was then stationed in Germany.

Richeson, who once taught dance to the future Professor Magruder, said their mother encouraged in her four children an interest in the arts. While dance was a wonderful outlet, in retirement she is ready to immerse herself in collage, photography, sculpture, and painting.

"I love doing it. I absolutely love losing myself in it," Richeson said. "So you know where to find me if I'm lost."

In Memoriam



Photo by Aaron Wehler

“The students who took classes with Petrus were often treated to his wonderful witticisms and ingenious banter, but whether they knew it or not, they were in the presence of true mastery.”

Sweet Briar Ballet Instructor Petrus Bosman

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER



The Sweet Briar community was saddened to learn of the death of Petrus Bosman, choreographer, dancer, and adjunct instructor of ballet at the College since 1994. Bosman died suddenly July 19, 2008, while engaged as guest choreographer with Jordan Academy in Indianapolis, according to the *News and Advance*. He was 80 years old.

Bosman had been the artistic director of the Virginia School of the Arts for 17 years until his retirement at the end of 2006 when he was given the title of artistic director emeritus.

A native of South Africa, Bosman began an 18-year association with the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden in 1959. Under the direction of Sir Frederick Ashton, he partnered with Merle Park in “Les Rendezvous,” was featured as Kastehei in “Firebird,” and performed in the Florestan pas de trois in “Sleeping Beauty.” Noted for his classical roles in “Giselle,” “Romeo and Juliet,” “The Nutcracker,” and “Les Sylphides,” Bosman also created witty character portrayals as the widow Simone in “La Fille Mal Gardée,” an ugly sister (opposite Ashton).

During his years in London, Bosman produced a series of charity galas sponsored by members of the Royal Family, working closely with Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret. The events featured Margot Fonteyn, Rudolph Nureyev, Merle Park, Antoinette Sibley, Ashton, and Bosman.

“The fount of knowledge that Petrus possessed on the history of dance was truly amazing,” said Mark Magruder, director of the College’s dance program. “We were so lucky to have in our presence at Sweet Briar a person who actually danced with and knew some of the greatest names in dance history. Petrus Bosman partnered with Margot Fonteyn, who was regarded as one of greatest ballerinas of all time.”

His knowledge of dance and extraordinary résumé might not be what his students remember him for most, however. Bosman’s verbal one-liners were non-stop, Magruder said, an observation borne out on a Facebook page created in his memory.

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Magruder knows Sweet Briar can find an instructor to teach ballet as well as Bosman, but there will be no replacing him.

“It’s going to be tough,” he said of missing his longtime friend and colleague. “You’re never going to have an entity who is Petrus.”

Bosman is survived by his sister, Joyce Basson of Capetown, South Africa. A memorial celebration in his honor was held August 2 in Murchison Lane Auditorium at the Babcock Fine Arts Center.

Katie Frances White Henson

Katie Frances White Henson died on June 15, 2008 at the age of 95. Katie was a retired employee of Sweet Briar College, having worked in the Physical Education Department from 1940–1948. She was rehired as the laundry manager and worked from 1956–1974. Katie was the wife of the late Carroll Eugene Henson.

Born September 22, 1912, in Amherst County, she was a daughter of the late George Henry and Alice Brown White. She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Annie Smoot, Bessie Wood, and Joan White, and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Emma White Harris, and brothers, George Henry White, Woodroe White, and Ernest White.

A service honoring her life was celebrated on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Amherst with the Rev. M. Dwayne Martin officiating. Katie was buried in the Amherst Cemetery.



Melissa Simpson '11, Louise Moore Nelson '43, and Meagan Oliphant '11 met for lunch in Portland, Maine.



On Wednesday, June 18, the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Houston, Texas, held a Back-to-School Sweet Briar Fiesta in honor of new and returning SBC students in the area. Approximately 16 guests attended and had a wonderful time. In this picture, Keri Faulk '11, Jessica Shannon '03, Caroline Sapp '09, and Georgie Bliss '12 are enjoying their Houston Area Fiesta! Over the summer, 12 back-to-school events were held across the country.

MINI reunions



President Muhlenfeld accompanied alumnae on a celebration tour of France, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Sweet Briar Junior Year in France Program. L-R: President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, Elizabeth "Betty" Forsyth Harris '60, Emily Thompson Gable '55, Beverly Shivers JYF 1954-55, Belle Williams Smith '65.



Joanne Halbrook Patton '52 greets current parents at the Annual New England Family Picnic held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Patton's Green Meadows Farm. L-R: Pam and Gerald Munro, Leonora McPhail, and Joanne Patton.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE 2009 ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

tours

February 10-18, 2009

Monarch Migration in Mexico with Dr. Lincoln Brower, Research Professor of Biology at Sweet Briar and a leading expert on Monarch migration
Sharing with Princeton

February 18-28, 2009

Coastal Life: Thailand and the Malay Peninsula aboard the S.Y. Star Clipper
Sharing departure

May 29-June 11, 2009

South Africa: Three Kingdoms (with an optional extension to Cape Town)
Sweet Briar only departure

June 28-July 6, 2009

Swiss Alps & Italian Lakes
Sharing with University of Iowa

July 26-August 3, 2009

Village Life in the Cotswolds
Sharing departure

October 12-27, 2009

Turkey & the Turquoise Coast
Sweet Briar only departure

Contact Melissa Coffey '98, tour coordinator, for more information at 800-381-6131 or mcoffey@sbc.edu

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recent deaths

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1924

Elsie Wood
Mrs. Richard Von Maur
May 12, 2008

1929

Mary Marshall
Mrs. William C. Franklin
Date Unknown

Josephine Tatman
Mrs. Marcus Mason
May 12, 2008

1930

Elizabeth Cather
Mrs. Paul B. Lansing
Date unknown

1932

Helen Hoffecker
Mrs. Frank F. Roehm
April 14, 2001

Mildred Larimer
Miss Mildred Larimer
April 15, 2008

1934

Connie Burwell
Mrs. William W. White
June 3, 2008

Eleanor Trimble
Mrs. Raymond F. Moss
March 9, 1999

1936

Margaret Huxley
Mrs. Robert L. Dick
July 4, 2008

Lucille Scott
Mrs. C. Elliot Knocke
June 11, 2008

Eleanor Weller
Mrs. J. R. Westendorf
May 22, 2008

1937

Maren Dobson
Mrs. Raymond A. McConnell Jr.
November 28, 1994

1938

Dorothy Gilbert
Mrs. Bitner Browne
May 31, 2008

1939

Eleanor Claflin
Eleanor Williams Ladd
April 19, 2008

Helen Klinger
Mrs. Robert E. Gleeson
Date Unknown

Henriette Minor
Mrs. Harrie E. Hart
Date Unknown

Marie Pels
Mrs. William L. Stuart
Date Unknown

Jean Riley
Mrs. Joseph Dockman
November 25, 1992

1940

Jane Bush
Mrs. Eugene M. Long
May 22, 2008

1941

Margaret Gilchrist
Mrs. Lorton S. Livingston
June 6, 2008

1942

Barbara Ripley
Mrs. W. Todd Furniss
July 14, 2008

1943

Louise (Weezie) Woodruff
Mrs. John E. Angst
May 22, 2008

1945

Betty Cacke
Mrs. David A. Wright
April 8, 2008

Ellen Gilliam
Mrs. Marvin B. Perry, Jr.
June 19, 2008

Elaine Krause
Mrs. Charles J. Anderson
May 29, 2008

1946

Leila Fellner
Mrs. Thomas Lenagh
July 17, 2008

1947

Agnes Jefferds
Mrs. Robert E. Sonntag
June 16, 2008

1948

Carolyn Irvine
Mrs. J. Wendell Forbes
June 13, 2008

MaryJane Luke
Dr. Mary Jane Luke
June 26, 2008

1949

Lucie Wood
Mrs. John C. Saunders
July 26, 2008

1953

Eleanor Farnham
Mrs. Eleanor Farnham James
January 29, 2007

Jean Hill
Mrs. Charles Chapple
April 23, 2007

1954

Camilla Brewer
Mrs. Camilla B. Klos
June 26, 2008

Anne Forsyth
Mrs. Anne F. Timbrel
January 1, 1997

Kay McLaughlin
Mrs. James S. Patrick
July 19, 2008

Betsy Nunn
Mrs. Edward C. Kennedy
November 28, 2004

1955

Cary Fox
Mrs. Peter R. Fisher
July 22, 2008

1956

Ann Irvin
Miss Ann M. Irvin
April 18, 2008

1960

Barbara Bell
Mrs. Edward H. Peterson, Jr.
May 6, 2008

1961

Julia Johnson
Mrs. William D. Chapin
May 30, 2008

1963

Irwin Leatherman
Mrs. Philip Zanone
July 23, 2008

1964

Pape (Pemmie) Mercur
Mrs. John L. Cleveland
June 10, 2008

Bonnie Mount
Mrs. Turner E. Grimsley
March 19, 2008

1966

Linn Rumsey
Mrs. Linn Rumsey Vincent
May 2, 2008

1968

Ann Peterson
Mrs. Ann Peterson Griffin
July 9, 2008

1972

Celia Clark
Miss Celia Clark
July 2, 2008

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class notes

1934

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Martha Lou Lemmon Stohman
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Newtown, PA 18940-2401

1935

Juliet Halliburton Davis, Jr.
Tsuga
2673 Belcher Mountain Rd
Meadows of Dan, VA 24120-9801

1936

Lucille Scott Knoke passed away on 6/11/08. She had attended SBC 1 yr. before leaving to get married. She loved her time at SBC. Lucille and husband Charles Elliot were married 54 yrs. and had 4 children. They were Nana and Grandpa to 8 grandchildren, including Ann Kohudic '92, and 7 great-grandchildren. Lucille considered her greatest accomplishment to be a wife and mother. Her 2nd greatest accomplishment was her love of teaching and her belief in the pursuit of excellence in education. She taught at the Gill School, Bernardsville, NJ, where Elliott was headmaster, and the Barstow School in Kansas City, MO, where he was assistant headmaster. She was integral to Elliott's life during his 27 years as a teacher and an administrator of the Pingry School, Hillside, NJ. After they retired to Asheville, NC, she tutored children in her home. Lucille was an avid horseback rider and animal lover. She was an outdoor gal, a gardener, a dancer, a hostess. She was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and the former President of P.E.O., Chapter M in Asheville, NC.

1938

Frances Bailey Brooke
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1942

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Greetings! It's been a good year with some contact with a few of you. I always look forward to a nice visit with **Sally Schall Van Allen** in May when she and Bill come with their son, Kent and his wife, Kay, for their annual Mother's Day tea. We particularly enjoyed having dinner at Shoemakers Restaurant in the new Craddock Terry Hotel, which is in an old converted factory building. It's special to us since that shoe factory is part of Lynchburg history, and, like many other cities, we are involved in renovation and re-doing downtown. Our riverfront is coming alive with batteau festivals, walking paths, boat ramps, etc. It's very special that Lucy, **Lucy Call Dabney's** daughter, manages that restaurant. What a darling young lady. I've enjoyed several nice conversations with Lucy because of that. She sees **Peggy Gearing Wickham** and Henry who live in a retirement community nearby. Gus Davis, **Ginny Cummings Davis'** husband, is in the same place. Ginny died some time ago. I was sad to see that **Lamb Hodges Fuller's** husband Allen died recently. He was a doctor in South Boston, VA, where they had lived forever. **Bobby Engh Croft** e-mails that she and Crosswell are well and have moved into smaller quarters in Northbrook, IL. **Besty Gilmer Tremain** and Mike have settled in Westminster-Canterbury in Charlottesville and enjoy it. I talked with her and found her in good spirits. She reports that **Ann Hauslein Potterfield** and Tom moved into smaller quarters in Charleston, WV, and keep busy though aren't moving around as much. Same is true of **Sudie Clark Hanger** and Bill of Atlanta. Our friend, **Laura Graves Howell**, who died some time ago, has a daughter, Laura James, who is an excellent artist. She and husband, Bill, live in Annapolis, MD. They stay with me whenever they are in town, and report that they have run into **Betty Blackmer Childs** and Mackall who also live there. The Childs looked grand when I saw them at Reunion. By the way, I hope all of you were pleased to see us in the previous issue of the Alumnae Magazine sitting on the lovely bench which **Grace Bugg Muller-Thyme's** family gave to the College for our class's 65th Reunion gift. It's in Daisy's Garden, much enjoyed and used.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no Class Secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Winter '08	November 1, 2008
Spring '09	April 1, 2009
Fall '09	July 1, 2009

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

I've completed my term as Chairman of SBC's Friends of the Library, such a wonderful, worthwhile organization. If you don't belong, be sure to join. They need you. I'm now busy doing the usual bridge, book club, garden club, lectures, concerts, and Regent of my DAR chapter. I'm grateful every day for good health, wonderful family, and good friends including each of you! Stay in touch.

on into this century and get news from the faithful directly.

1944

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Dear Classmates: since the alumnae office no longer sends out post cards I'm appealing to you to e-mail me at ljamj@erols.com or write to Mary Haskins King at the address above. I'll hopefully have more time to organize the next notes and want to hear from more of you even if you don't think you have news. We like to hear what you're doing or not doing: how many new hips, shoulders, knees you have; see who has the record for great-grandchildren and what fabulous things they're doing. If you don't have a computer or access to e-mail, come

1946

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1947

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Salute to the survival of the fittest! Here are the names of the 11 classmates and 1 husband who were back at the Patch for Reunion May 2008: **Judy Blakey Butler**, **Martha Mansfield Clement**, **Meon Bower Harrison**, **Nancy Vaughn Kelly**, **Jane Johnson Kent**, **Vi Morse Whitehead**, **Peggy Sheffield Martin**, **Audrey Lahman Rosselot**, **Patty Traugott Rouse**, **Sally Smith Williams** with husband Tom, and **Dottie Wallace Wood**. Your scribe at 82 was not able to "get it all together," so I've enlisted the aid of dear Peggy Martin to describe her weekend there. I'll add notes from our newly elected Class-President-for-Life **Martha Clement** and from the pink pages sent to us last spring.

All of this from Peggy's report: "11 of the Class of '48 came to Reunion arriving on Fri.; we were given nice rooms in the new part of the Elston Inn with the Beemer Lounge on 2nd floor as our hospitality room. The College placed yearbooks and some of Maddin's old scrapbooks, soft drinks, ice, and snacks for us to enjoy. The weather was beautiful Fri. and Sat., light drizzle on Sun. The campus is so pretty and well kept. Constantly circulating shuttle buses took us anywhere we wanted to go.

"We enjoyed seeing each other; Fri. was cocktails and dinner for all classes. The 50th was held on the terrace and lower dining room of the conference center. Class pictures were taken and nightcaps available in Beemer Lounge. Meon and Tom Williams came for Fri. only.

"Saturday morning we went to Babcock from 9:30–noon, and since we represented the oldest class, we got to sit at the front behind the 50th class. Talks by Dean Green and the President were so good. Her "state of the college" was well done. The College is in great shape—all beds are full and then some, and they expect the largest freshmen class in more than 20 yrs. We heard of preliminary plans for new residence housing. Ground has been broken and construction begun for the new fitness and athletics center to adjoin and tie in with the existing facilities which will be renovated—fabulous and exciting. (Our Pottsie's and **Ann "Sammie" Upchurch's** daughters are very much involved in all this excitement!) New majors and 2 graduate degree programs are very successful. The engineering major is popular and graduate schools are eagerly accepting SBC students. The Outstanding Alumna Award was presented to Betty Stanly Cates '63. Lunch Saturday was outside on the new Prothro Commons Terrace. Afternoon had many choices and some of us went to 1-hour lectures in the Chapel presented by faculty members—well attended, interesting, and some difficult to understand.

"There were about 500 alumnae in attendance. A gala, cocktails and dinner inside at Prothro with a loud big band and dancing for the younger classes occurred on Sat. We chose as an alternate to Prothro a beautiful, excellent musical program in the Chapel presented by the Music Dept. and well attended. Dr. Green, head of the Music Dept. and Dean of the College entertained us with an interesting, rare mix of talents and with a fine baritone voice. Then, we went back to Beemer Lounge where we talked a long time and caught up with each other and shared news of other classmates. It was nice and we were all in pretty good shape—all stiff and creaky, but only 4 canes. Everyone through the years has survived illness, surgery, highlights, and disappointments. Some more, some less, but that's the way life is. We heard about children, grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild

and a small bit about community involvements. We enjoyed each other and finished a good day with an appreciative and satisfying feeling. Sun. we went to the Service of Remembrance, a sermon by Chaplain White and reading of names of the deceased in the last year. Because of light rain, lunch was changed from SB House Gardens to Prothro Commons (a wonderful campus quadrangle with post office, bookstore, café, and dining facilities with a lovely big terrace looking out toward Monument Hill.) We said farewell and left by cars and planes about 2:30 p.m. We were small in number, but large in an enjoyable experience—missing everybody that wasn't there. We left feeling very proud of our College."

Our class sends thanks to Peggy for this remembrance so carefully detailed and sincerely done. We feel that we were there! Now for some news of classmates:

Peggy Sheffield Martin moved from her home of 40 yrs. to a condo, had a hip replacement and surgery for a benign brain tumor, yet still travels to the Highlands for family gatherings and to Nova Scotia, volunteers at Atlanta Botanical Gardens and became a great-grandmother in 8/07. She went to Annapolis for the wedding of one of **Ann Samford Upchurch's** grands. **Martha Mansfield Clement** from Alexandria keeps in touch with many of us. She reports on a granddaughter who graduated from SBC in '06; another to be in Class of 2012, which adds to 3 SBC-graduated daughters. She sees **Audrey Lahman Rossolet**, **Nancy Vaughn Kelly**, **Ginny Wurzbach Vardy**, and **Liz Barbour Mcrae** among others who live in the area. We grieved over the news of the death of one of Liz's triplets. We continue to be impressed with the Dan Kelly family's work at the Center Pole on the Crow Indian Reservation in MT. **Judy Blakey Butler** hopes to team up with the above, but she didn't make it back to the Patch. A note from **Betty Gibson** with fascinating news: she has wearied of D.C. traffic and after 50 yrs. has sold her condo on Cathedral Ave. and moved to her hometown of Muskogee, OK!

Judy Perkins Llewellyn sent a note from Avon, CT, that, due to personal complications, she wouldn't be at Reunion. She reports her hair is white, girth is larger, but her sanity is mostly intact. **Caroline Haskell Simpson** is coming out of a bad year with a broken pelvic bone, but still hopes for one more trip to Italy. **Dr. Jane Luke** is back in Covington, VA, but is experiencing some health problems. Word comes that **Jane Miller Wright** lost her husband Howard just after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with all their progeny in attendance. We salute her for keeping in touch for 60 yrs. all the way from Long Beach, CA! **Mayde Luddington Henningsen** lost her husband Victor last spring. He has given years of service on

the SBC Board. **Mary Barrett Robertson** sends a note of concern for failing health of **Suzanne Hardy Benson**, and a feeling of gratitude for her own continuing good health in Augusta where they live.

Eve Godchaux Hirsch says that thanks to lessons she learned at SBC of grace and forbearance, she and her son survived Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. A fun phone call with **Wayne Stokes Goodall** told us that she had indeed moved from Charlottesville to Fearington, NC. She didn't plan to go to Reunion, but hopes to take the next SBC-sponsored trip.

Your scribe does apologize for this sketchy letter, but we did make a Jun. trip to Boston to graduate a granddaughter from Harvard and hear a speech by the creator of the Harry Potter stories, J.K. Rowling. Among other things I was impressed to learn she now has more money than the Queen of England! Please keep in touch with me and remember our wonderful times at the school "that lies upon a hilltop."

1949
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Sorry to say, I goofed in our notes for the spring issue, sending **Sally Ayres Shroyer** off to Cuba, when it was really **Sally Melcher Jarvis** who made that trip! Meanwhile, the Shroyers were in the midst of planning an 8/7 gala 60th wedding anniversary party! My apologies to both Sallys! And in the midst of this mix-up, I received a copy of **Goodie Geer DiRaddo's** newly published, delightful book about cooking with a Charleston rice steamer...more about that later!

1950
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Thank you to all who have contributed to our class notes.

Max Ray very kindly wrote about his mother, **Joanne Williams Ray Fraser**. I've sent a copy of this message, dated

4/29/08, to all those who responded to my letter and e-mail. Should any of you wish to write to him, I know he would appreciate hearing from you and sharing your message with his mother.

"Dear Patty, My mother Joanne (maiden name Williams from Short Hills, NJ) was married 9/8/51 to my father Jimmy Ray (deceased 1968 Danville, VA), remarried to Dr. Robert Fraser (AKA Bob, Deceased 2002 Montreal Que/Birmingham, AL), was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 4/04 and happened to have a somewhat lucid day today. She was asking about family issues that have been absent in her memories for the last 18–24 mo. and your timely letter was great to show her that this is indeed her home address, as she wants my sister to come down from MD and 'drive her home.' I am her youngest son who lives in residence with her and would solicit any of her classmates to write her a short and personal note that would remind her of a funny story about her and my father or something that may have been important to her long-term memory. In the last 6 mo., eating has been her main pastime—12–14 plates daily. She has gained 30 lb and gone from size 12 to 1X. Her doctor has ordered a strict diet, which is difficult to implement. I take her swimming at the Lakeshore foundation several times a week along with walks around the block as she will allow—she's most stubborn (and they wonder where I get it from?) Sadly, she won't remember most people, and I do know some of your classmates from my years in VA (1960–72), but we struggle with something to focus her boredom and attention. We welcome ALL adult conversations! Working AT HOME and in residence, I am, Max T. Ray, A.E.P., C.L.U., F.B.S. Family Business Associates, 2766 Smyer Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216-1025."

Susan Taylor Hubbard: All is well with me. I have 7 grandchildren (ages 10–4). They are scattered around in Richmond, VA, Asheville, NC, and Havre de Grace, MD, not too far from Norfolk. I'm still in my big old comfortable house (since 1965) along with my beloved dog Zoe. I go to an exercise class twice a week and attribute my good health to that. (I keep my fingers crossed.) I belong to the local Audubon Society and enjoy birding with the group. But I'm turning to wildflowers, something that happens to birders when they get on in years. I'm active in my church on the Altar Guild and in creating a small butterfly garden. I've been on 2 trips recently, to AK and to Trinidad and Tobago. I keep in touch with **Angie Vaughan Halliday** and talk to **Terry Faulkner Phillips** every now and then. Also, **Marie Ironmonger Bundy**, who was a leader in making the Norfolk Botanical Gardens into one of the best gardens in the country and who also lives in Norfolk, as well other SBC friends, Jane Lewis Zollicoffer '50 and Rosemary Ashby Dashiell

'46. I value the friends I made at SBC more than anything. I was certainly not much of a student, but I realize now that I did learn a lot in spite of that. P.S. At our 55th Reunion I was selected as Class President. Haven't done a single thing about that, but I will when our next Reunion comes up in 2011... the Lord willing!

Mary Pease Fleming, Ann Sheldon Taylor Campbell and I remain pals as we both live in Richmond. We had the treat of having lunch with **Ann "Annie Moo" Mountcastle Blechta**, who came on a surprise visit to Richmond to wish her brother Frank Mountcastle a happy 75th birthday. That get-together was followed by a visit of **Barbara Birt Dow** and Bill. They spent the night with Rives and me, on their way north from Vero Beach, FL. Barbara and Bill live in 3 places: their condo in Devon, PA (a move from their home of many years in Haverford, PA), their nest in Vero Beach, and a summer home at Salters Point, MA. We loved having them, and found Barbie to be ageless and prettier than ever. Between Annie Moo and Barbie there's no excuse for my floppy grey hair and piano teacher fingernails! Rives and I live in a great little 1-floor house with enough beds for us and some of our 18 grandchildren. Our children are spread around the southeast, some in Richmond, and we cherish the times we can be together. I'm still teaching little fingers to play the piano and enjoying it, and also do a little accompanying for ballet classes. I don't know if previous information has reached you. At Christmas I had the sad news that **Jean Duerson Bade's** husband John had passed away. I know others would like to know this.

Joan Davis Warren: I'm sorry to have the update on **Joanne Williams Ray Fraser**. I knew she was having problems, but they seem quite severe now. No real news. I have 4 children and 4 grandchildren, including twin girls (4) and boys 13 and 11. Andy and I are well, although Andy has some disabilities.

Jean Stapleton Hillier: Thank you for taking on the task of keeping us all together. Your e-mail on **Joanne Williams Ray Fraser** is a prime example of why it's so important. In regard to that request, Burge and I will try to find stories from the past which will stir up happy memories. Our lives continue to be on the "roller coaster" called breast cancer. As many of the class already know, it started for me in 1976. It reared its ugly head again in '04 by metastasizing into my bones. 3 ½ yrs. later it has now spread once more and I'm back on a Chemo protocol. I know it will once again be managed through the magic of a great oncologist and the miracle drugs available today. We continue to live in McLean, VA, with periodic visits to the family home in Southwest GA. A great respite, particularly when joined by one or more of our 4 children and 11 grandchildren. It

really is a time warp and very therapeutic. In addition to our family, the support and love I've received from my SBC roommates and friends have been an important factor in where I am today. I feel blessed and say thank you. I look forward to hearing from more and more of the class through your leadership.

Mona Wilson Beard: Good for you to volunteer! Charlottesville remains a great place to live with lots to see and do. My happy hobby is pet therapy, and I visit a day care center, the UVA Children's Hospital and Hospice House with my therapy dog. Lots of interesting classes and courses are available in addition to Book Week, Foxfield Races, Dog Wood Festival, etc., etc. If classmates come to SBC perhaps they could call or come by. Thank you again. P.S. Too bad SBC President is moving on for she has surely done a great job.

Ann "Annie Moo" Mountcastle Blechta: Thank you for your letter. It was just the other day when I was in Richmond and **Ann "Shelly" Taylor Campbell, Mary Pease Fleming**, and I were saying who can do the newsletter and there you are NOW. (I'm visiting my brother, Frank Mountcastle.) You'll laugh when you talk to Shelly and Mary, who've said that "if they were put with the Old Gals at SBC Reunion, they wouldn't go again." We'll have to do something about that for our 65th! I live in Sarasota, FL, enjoying a full life with church work, Garden Club (Oh how I loved those trees and flowers in spring in Richmond after so long). I enjoy my children, Christine in AZ home-schooling 2 boys, and Daphne in Paris, an artist with 3 children (Scottish husband). They come to visit us for the good weather; I go to Paris to refresh my French. George Blechta will be 95 in Jul. WOW. We're all gathering for that. He's the best. We've been married 9 yrs. God is So Good!

Rosalie "Pinkie" Barringer Wornham: My heart will always be in VA in spite of being out of touch with SBC. Even after 52 yrs. I'll NEVER be a "Californian"! Tom and I are well, moving parts are still OK albeit a bit creaky, memory almost works most of the time, and we're still speaking after nearly 57 yrs. I retired from doing Bishop's School admissions 5 yrs. ago. We walk 3 mi. on the beach every day with our black Lab, I swim 1/2 mi. daily, we deliver Meals on Wheels together on Tuesdays, and I'm the St. James by the Sea Altar Guild lady on Fridays at noon. Life is simple. Tommy IV graduates from Bishop's in 3 wks and is headed for Princeton. I've just come from 10 days in Cambridge, MA, with Wendy's 4 teenagers (13, 14, 16, 17) while they were in Paris. Fabulous kids, but I was a little out of practice and it was much like herding cats and I CAN drive a strange car in Boston to make the daily 45-min. commute to Milton! Cindy lives in L.A. as the Director of Future Planning and PR for the Sundance Institute and works with Robert

Redford nearly every day! Tom III is Regional VP of Wells Fargo Bank; Wendy is a pediatrician and an Assoc. Prof. at Harvard Med. School. We're blessed as all our kids have jobs—more than you ever cared to know about us. Each day is a gift. SBC memories are among the happiest of my life.

Betty Browder Nibley: No news is good news in my case. I love going to aerobics/strength training twice a week, celebrating birthdays of grandchildren, walking 2 mi. a day, and attending a host of fun luncheons. Now that I'm library faculty *emerita* from American U. in D.C., I have time to become re-acquainted with old friends.

Julie Micou Eastwood: We've been staying close to home recently and don't have any travel plans at the moment. We talk about another train trip, but haven't put one together yet. Libby moved back to CA last year and we only took 1 trip to Atlanta while she was there. It's wonderful to have both of the children in the area, Lib in Antioch and Ben in Los Gatos. Dick is slowing down and doesn't walk much. I went as far as Angel Island with the camera club this week and still go birding occasionally.

Margaret "Fitz" Fitzsimmons Jones: I've now been in Pawleys Island, SC, for 20 yrs, married to Bob Jones for 19. We've done a good bit of traveling over the years, but as age creeps up, we're pretty well settled at home, with occasional trips to Atlanta or Charlotte where we have family. The 20 grandchildren are growing up fast; 2 out of college, 2 in college, and the rest catching up fast. We all get together as often as possible and you should see the crowd when that happens! Eulalie Fenhagen '52 lives here and I see her often. Love to all the class.

Ruth Oddy Meyer: We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in '07 at our eldest granddaughter's graduation from the American School in London last Jun., where our eldest son and his family, incl. 4 granddaughters, have been living for the past 3 yrs. Our younger son and his wife joined us and all 10 of us continued the celebration with a trip to Beaune, France, where a cousin of mine owns a small jewel of a hotel and part of a vineyard in the heart of the Burgundy country. All in all, it was a 2-week anniversary party. Otherwise, life is good. We both still volunteer at the hospital; I've been a hospital volunteer for 43 yrs, and should qualify for an honorary M.D. by now. Also, I paint, garden and keep in touch by e-mail with **Mona Wilson Beard**. and keep hoping that 1 of my granddaughters will go to SBC.

Nedra Stimpson Greer: I'm in good health in spite of another birthday this past week. I play tennis once or twice a week, enjoy it. One of my partners is B4 yrs. young, so I feel I have a long way to go! I love playing bridge, which I do 3 regular games a week and whenever I can I substitute. I have 1 grandson finishing

his sophomore year at U. AL, and a granddaughter graduating from h. s. and entering Wake Forest in the fall. All the other 16 are various ages and scattered about. I talk to **Carol Rolston Toulin** a lot but don't see her as much as I'd like.

Sue Lockley Glad: We're about to leave for our summer in OR at Black Butte Ranch. (Maybe we should have another West Coast Reunion there sometime. I thought about doing it with **Martha "Marcy" Staley Marks**. (When she died I sort of dropped the idea.) So I thought I'd better get something off to you since I don't have a computer there. We'll have a busy summer with family reunions and friends dropping in. Lots of golf and tennis. I'm taking my son's family dog for a while during their move from Seattle to Tucson. Bill has given up the ministry and is starting a business in Ghana, Africa, growing jatropha trees which produce an oil to become a bio-fuel. He's very excited to join friends from Stanford in this endeavor and finally will use his Industrial Engineering degree! It's a risky adventure and we're anxious for their success. Our daughter Amy is still lobbying for her development company and anxiously awaiting a turnaround in that industry; other daughter Lissy and her family are beginning to ship their offspring off to college. All will join us at the Ranch for various parts of the summer. Next year, I'll be Co-Chairman of the Huntington Art Gallery docents, a 2-yr. commitment and maybe my final undertaking as a volunteer! There has been a \$20 million renovation of the Gallery, which is glorious with *Blue Boy* and *Pinkie* back in their familiar places and the other Gainsborough, Reynolds, and Romney portraits all around. Since I majored in Zoology and not Art History, this program has been one of belated learning and a great experience. I urge any traveling classmates who make their way to L.A. to visit this fantastic collection of European art, furniture, silver, porcelain, and sculpture.

Jean "Randie" Randolph Bruns: I plan to wind up the B&B in about 3 yrs. and move to Kendal in Lexington. 3 grandchildren have fledged: my Thai step-grandson is a *sous* chef in the Panhandle FL community where my in-laws and both children have homes; daughter Mary's daughter is a NY attorney (they come blonde and willowy these days) and her son, a former Marine, studying to be a nurse, is married to an Argentine classmate he met in h. s. in D.C. My Thai-American granddaughters are at the U. FL and Stuart Hall in Staunton, VA. Mary's youngest is in school in FL also. And my son Bryan continues to work in Southeast Asia, currently Cambodia, Vietnam, The Philippines, and Indonesia. Daughter Mary is a C.P.A. and court-appointed family mediator. Mostly I read and weed.

Ann "Shelly" Taylor Campbell Bill and I moved to Westminster-Canterbury in

Richmond a year ago; I love it. Right after the move I had a sudden blockage in my intestine necessitating surgery and was so glad to be able to come back here to the health care center for a week before resuming regular activities. This May we went to NC to celebrate 8th grade graduation of 1 grand. **Mary Pease Fleming** continues her piano teaching; she and Rives seem fit as ever. I see him each Mon. as we are part of a team that packs fruit donated by their church and delivers it to residents of subsidized housing in Richmond. Rives always brings his homemade chocolate chip cookies for the packers to enjoy on the ride!

Angie Vaughan Halliday: I'm checking in from Provincetown, MA, where Bob and I are visiting our son Malcolm and his partner. We leave tomorrow for Charlottesville to visit son Paul and his family, then on home to Louisville. Bob has settled into his new role as a painter and is enjoying the sights of Provincetown. We travel with his gear in the car and he paints along the way. We're considering a drive to AK later this summer. It's a long trip and will be even longer with all the stops! I would say we married for lunch. We can't go unless I can learn my new laptop and Vista operating system so I can continue my work as a small business accountant and tax preparer. My own small business. 5 children, 7 grands (all boys!) and no pets. Some gardening. Much reading. About it. I was sorry to hear the president of SBC has resigned. I found her exceptional, and had several delightful conversations with her about literature and teaching—both of which she loved. She will be missed. Love to you and all other 51ers. P.S. If anyone is interested, you can see Bob's artwork at www.sutherlandgallery.com/bob_halliday.htm.

Mary Jane "MJ" Eriksen Ertman: Gardner and I (and Lily, our golden retriever) are enjoying life at Brookhaven, a retirement community in Lexington. We're in a little cottage with friendly neighbors and a nice yard and garden. Susie and her family live nearby; Eric, Martha, and Andy live near D.C., and Anne is in Denver. We have 10 grandchildren, ranging in age from Anne's Kit, a junior at George Washington U., to Martha's Oscar, in preschool, and we try to see them as often as possible. Last summer Anne met me in D.C., and we took a sentimental journey to SBC, finding it as beautiful as ever. Much love to all classmates. P.S. Martha invited me to the Iowa Writers Workshop this month; we're all signed up, but I think the floods will make us change plans or meet in Noah's Ark.

Eugenia Ellis Mason: At this point in time, my biggest blessing is that I have no news!

Ann "Ben" Benet Yellott: What little news is current. I'm still riding my Andalusian and training my therapy dog (smooth fox terrier), plus helping at a local therapy riding school. Daughter Andie Lux

Yellott went to SBC ('76), but granddaughter Margaret chose Harvard—can you believe it? I'd love to see any classmates if they come to Baltimore.

Lynne McCullough Gush: I have little news and no e-mail, but would like to say "I'm busy." Piano teaching goes on, of course, with recitals looming up this month. I practice duo repertoire for performance all the time and attend ballet class twice a week. The 90 lb. Weimaraner has multiple walks along the bayou daily with obedience training applied casually en route. Regards to all.

Janet "Bromo" Broman Dingle: My news is the usual—going to Curves (4th yr), volunteering in various church activities, Meals On Wheels, and heading up the house wares dept. at the annual Kiwanis rummage sale in Jul. Fun occasions have been 2 trips to Columbus from Cleveland. The 1st occasion was Larry's great-grandson's 2nd birthday party and at the same time meeting his 6-wk-old baby sister! The 2nd occasion was a wedding shower for one of Larry's grandsons who will be married in Aug. His aunt decided the groom should have a shower, and he received every imaginable tool for home repairs inside and out! We're with my 2 daughters and their families some this summer, too. We took a trip in Apr. to Hagerstown, MD, with friends to visit the Civil War battlefield at Antietam which was so interesting.

Joan Hess Michel: "I must apologize 1) for being so late in sending my news and 2) for being so old-fashioned: I don't have a computer or e-mail! Alas! My news is this: After 45 yrs. in New York I'm selling my home and will be living near my 3 children and 6 grandchildren in Midway, KY—Bluegrass Country! Quite a change! It's funny where our paths lead us, isn't it? *Spirituality & Health* was sold by Trinity, so I'm no longer on the staff. However, I still do some projects for Trinity Church/Wall Street. Right now I'm in the midst of sorting, tossing, and saving all my "treasures" for the Big Move. After August 1: 402 Mill Road, Midway, KY 40347.

Carolyn Sample Abshire: We stay the same: David and I are still in Old Town, Alexandria and David still works as the President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency in D.C. He has finished his latest book *A Call to Greatness: Challenging Our Next President* which, being timely, is doing quite well. I continue to volunteer and undertake Grandma duties as much as possible. Until recently, we had all 5 children and families in the area, but now only 2. Our son, Lupton, an Episcopal priest, has just moved to Tallahassee, FL, to be the Rector at St. John's Church; his family will leave Middleburg where he was Rector at Emmanuel Church, joining him in a month. They love Tallahassee. We'll be getting our eldest daughter, Anna Bowman and her family back at the end of summer. They've

been in HI for a year, but are returning to Warrenton, VA. She'll be glad to get back to riding with the Warrenton Hunt again; also their daughter, Malia, is at Foxcroft. So, we are lucky to have most nearby. Malia, a big rider, is interested in SBC. We visited SBC when we looked at Chatham Hall. I could barely recognize our old campus. All the best.

Anne Sinsheimer: No big trips recently. I've been in the Bay Area (not as far as you) and L.A., visiting cousins. Last Sun., our local Symphony performed in Disney Hall in L.A., very exciting. I'm still on the board of our Symphony Guild, but that will probably change after 1 more year. The Symphony is looking for more volunteerism and less fundraising. I'm planning to join SBC's trip to Cortona, Italy. It's been 20 yrs. since I visited Italy, so I'm looking forward to that.

Patty Lynas Ford: It's been such a pleasure to hear from so many of you. Thank you for your thoughtful comments and words of appreciation. Being the Class Secretary seems natural as I was a secretary at Pomona Coll., Claremont Men's Coll. (before our marriage in 1953), Yale Divinity School (while Dick was there), and Stanford Medical School for 23 yrs. After our retirement we moved from Palo Alto (home for 25 yrs) to a house on a hill outside Healdsburg overlooking the Dry Creek Valley, home to more than 30 wineries. Dick loves to garden so has plenty to keep him busy with citrus and soft-fruit orchards and many other trees and flowers. We both attend church at the Bishop's Ranch, the Episcopal Diocese of California's Retreat and Conference Center (300 plus acres overlooking the Russian River valley) of which Dick is on the board. For over 11 yrs. I have volunteered 3 mornings a week at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter, training and socializing dogs and puppies, cuddling cats and kittens, baking cookies and gardening. Dick is a Handel scholar and our mutual love of Baroque music is one of our greatest joys. (We do love other periods, too.) After many years of traveling (we've been to England more than 40 times incl. 2 singing tours in various cathedrals and churches), we've found cruising on Holland America (Mediterranean, Caribbean, AK, Mexico, and HI) relaxing. I missed the 55th Reunion but do hope to attend the 60th and see many of you. Thank you all again.

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Reunion 55: What a wonderful weekend! After having experienced a 2-day deluge of rain at our 50th and a prediction of thunder showers everyday this year, we were blessed with more than adequate sunshine.

A baker's dozen of us got together to renew friendships, joined by 8 husbands. Making this weekend a joyful one were **Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J., **Sug Cantey Patton** and Pat, **Jane Collins Sjoberg**, **Jeanne Duff**, **Dorothea Fuller** (for Sat. lunch), **Maggie Graves McClung** and David, **Isabel Grayson Parish** and Hav, **Dale Hutter Harris** and Ted, **M.A. Mellon Root**, **Flo Pye Apy** and Chet, **Ginger Timmons Ludwick** and David, **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack, and **Dolly Wallace Hartman**. Coming furthest (from CA) were the Ludwicks and Jane Sjoberg. Unfortunately, **Betty Bentsen Winn** had to cancel, but she did return her questionnaire with many family pictures of her daughter's beautiful wedding. As we reminisced during the weekend we sorely missed those of you who weren't in attendance. We thank those who returned their questionnaires. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our big 60th. Plan ahead!

The highlight of the weekend was a luncheon at the Poplar Grove Manor House Café, graciously hosted by Dale and Ted, where we were joined by our honorary classmate, **President Betsy Muhlenfeld**. It was there that we thanked Dale for her outstanding leadership over the past decades, and where we elected new officers to serve for the next 5 yrs. The presidential mantle has been passed to M.A. by unanimous vote and Flo has taken on the secretary's position following in the footsteps of Isabel and Sug. Sug took over the job of secretary last fall and (God bless her) did a great job preparing the reunion book. Since I have the only copy, I'll use it to relay some of the information contained therein in future notes before returning the book to the Alumnae Office for safe keeping.

On Sun. morning we attended the Service of Remembrance. This year I sadly report that we have lost 2 more classmates, **Donna Anderson Mullens** and **Caroline Moody Roberts**. Since Reunion we've learned of the death of **Jean Hill Chapple** on 4/23/07. She'll be memorialized at the College service next spring.

Sarah Swift Harrison reported that she is now **Sarah Swift Voyles**. Her husband, Carter, died in 1994 and she married Richard Voyles in '06. She moved from a house in which she lived for 50 yrs. to a new abode at 3513 Heatherstone Cir., Waco, TX 76708-2371. She says "life is

good." We concur.

We've found 3 of our "lost sheep."

Helen (Polly) Hedge Carpenter now lives at 1459 Hillcrest Ct., Camp Hill, PA 17011; Sue Allison, at 1608 Jackson Ave. East, Oxford MS, 38655; and **Jean Reeve Kluges** at 1025 Stone Stack Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18015. Jean transferred to Smith Coll. following our freshman year. If anyone knows the whereabouts of other classmates on our "lost" list, please let me know.

During the months ahead I hope you will send me "all the news that's fit to print." We want to hear from everyone.

1954

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My notes this time are short. I'm back in MN where spring only showed up toward the end of May for about 2 days. Summer is here and the heat and humidity are building nicely! My best news came from **Ginger Chamblin Greene** who is still in South Africa spreading her chemistry and physics knowledge among rural youngsters. In Jun. she wrote of a wonderful weekend activity called "Rally to READ," which consisted of travel to very remote schools and distribution of boxes of books along with other small gifts for children. There was a great deal more to the weekend which made it another great experience for our intrepid Peace Corps member.

The only other snippet I have is from **Didi Stoddard** who entertained **Fritz Merriman Naylor** and **Mary Amanda McThenia Iodice** and Don at her Cape Cod home in Jun. Along with lots of laughter and gossip about the rest of us, they enjoyed good weather in a beautiful locale. When the rest of you get back from your summer travels, remember that I'm still here and anxious to receive your news whenever you have something to share.

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The Alumnae Office received this note from **Beth Mears Kurtz**: I'd like to let you all know of a project that maybe our class members would be interested in. It's an online group photo album where I've posted many of my pictures from my time at Sweet Briar. I've also told some others that I saw at Reunion about it and hope that in time many others will post their own pictures. Here's the link: <http://photobucket.com/SBC1958>.

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Again I'm relying on the few people from our class that I hear from or see to give me news of our classmates. A mini-reunion will take place in Jul. (but will have taken place by the time you read this) in Ware Neck, Gloucester County, VA, hosted by **Judy Sorley Simpson** and Kep. I will *gladly* report on everybody who shows up. (I know some people are coming from quite a distance).

SBC gave a wonderful cocktail party and lecture about the acquisition and restoration of Tusculum. **Betsy Smith White** had planned to come up from Charlotte, but unfortunately took a terrible spill and ended up in the hospital. She's doing fine, but was disappointed to miss the grand get-together.

I, **Mary Ballou Ballentine**, will be married on Sat., 9/13, to a wonderful man named John Williams. He's from Richmond and I've known him for a long time. We feel

so lucky and happy, more on the subject next time.

The Book Group went on a foray to **Sorrel Mackall MacElroy's** family mountain retreat, Bruce Farm, to enjoy the mountains and each other in that beautiful place and to discuss Cokie Roberts's book *Ladies of Liberty*.

We're so sad to hear of the death of **Jane Jamison Messer's** mother, who joyfully joined in our celebrations at our last Reunion. She was 100 yrs. old. **Cookie Cooke Carl's** mother, also 100, recently died as well after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathies to both.

Plans are under way for our 50th Reunion Memorial Day Weekend 2009: Put it on your calendar!

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Beth Johnson Phillips writes that her husband is still working (3 hospitals, trauma center). They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren with whom they're very involved. Their son just graduated from law school. Beth sends her good wishes to all.

Sally Sharrett Perryman says that she and Paul are spending more winter time at their beach condo on Hutchison Island since their older son and family moved to FL. Their grandchildren are in MD as well. Their annual trip this year will be a Tauck trip to the coast of Italy and the south of France. A touch of tendonitis has put a delay on her tennis and golf, but otherwise all is well.

Hope you attended your 50th h.s. reunion. Mine was wonderful and a great inspiration for our next big one. Just want to give you my new email address: peaba@comcast.net.

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Our 45th Reunion received rave reviews! So many of our classmates wrote of Reunion in glowing terms that I can only include a few for fear of losing readers! **Betty Stanley Cates**, honored as this year's Outstanding Alumna, thought it was so much fun being back on campus and seeing over 30 of our classmates. She can't believe the next reunion will be the big 5-0! Betty is going to meet **Nancy Dixon Brown** in St. Augustine in Jun., will be in Northeast Harbor, ME, with a group from Vero Beach for a week in Jul. and hopes to spend Sept. in Atlanta where she'll visit lots of friends. **Prue Gay Stuhr** and Ed enjoyed the 45th cocktail and picnic evening; she was amazed to see classmates who looked as if they were in their 20s which she attributes to some magic from *Finian's Rainbow*! From Jan. to Apr. '08 Prue served on Middlesex County's (MA) Grand Jury, hearing about 150 cases, most of which will go to trial, and gained a new appreciation for law enforcement. In **Margaret Millender Holmes'** opinion, "we're a grand bunch of ladies" and she's proud to be part of the group in spite of deserting and getting her degree at UNC. Her plans included a kayak and camping trip in Jul. to get in shape so that she can keep up with the rest of the class at our 50th.

A positive review from **Mary Trabue Meyer**: she loved it! She wrote that it was wonderful to see so many people she remembered knowing (more *Finian's*?) Her son Will and his wife in NYC are expecting their 2nd child in Oct.; her daughter Molly's family and her 2 children are in Nashville. Also complimenting Reunion as excellent, **Cynthia Hubbard Spangler** says we need to work hard to get more of us to our 50th so she can have even more fun! Returning from taking her 91-yr-old mom to England and France, she's exhausted but happy, and figures that her place in heaven is now guaranteed! Returning from a lovely vacation in the FL Keys with her children and grandchildren, **Keitt Matheson Wood** enjoyed Reunion and wants to encourage everyone to attend our 50th.

Received too late for the last issue was a note from **Renee Regen Sage**. Her sister and her husband spent 3 wks with her and Ed in Adelaide; it was their first trip to Australia and they arrived just in time for the longest heat wave on record. They attended events at the biennial Festival of Arts, 2nd only to Edinburgh's. This year, she and Ed are going to Turkey and then taking a cruise to Amsterdam, then on to NYC in 9/09 to attend her 50th h. s. reunion. Last year they went to China where Ed enjoyed walking on the Great Wall, and Renee

loved seeing the Warriors so much that she ordered a full-sized terra cotta replica of a 3-star general, which guards the entrance of their house! Renee keeps busy painting portraits and huge flowers (Georgia O'Keefe-like), doing emergency grandparenting for 4 of their 5 grandchildren, and doing community service for Zonta, the international women's service organization. Ed has been working full time on his 3rd book, a book of their overseas travels complete with historical background and thousands of photographs.

Jean Meyer Aloe attended a 9-day poetry writing workshop in Paris in May; she rented an apt. in the 19th *arrondissement*, near the site of the workshop, and lived like a real Parisian! She is taking a poetry class this summer, will be the featured poet at a Barnes and Noble poetry night in Stamford, CT, in Jul., and published 4 poems recently with 2 more coming out. Still working full time, Jean is serving a 2-yr. term as a representative of her district to the Representative Town Meeting, a legislative body with fiscal and other responsibilities.

Unable to attend Reunion, but communicating with us "telepathically" thanks to Prue's photos, **Julia Arnold Morey** is busy with volunteer work—meals on wheels, local hospital, church outreach, and working with international students during the summer—as well as traveling south to visit **Betsy Parker McColl**, **Penny Pamplin Reeves**, and **Kitty Griffith '64** and her husband in Chapel Hill.

Last fall **Carolyn Gabel-Brett** retired from the Proteus Fund where she was a program officer for the Civil Marriage Collaborative, which funds state advocacy organizations working for marriage equality for same-sex couples. In 11/07, her dad died peacefully in his sleep at home—he was 98, and he and her mother had just celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. In 3/08, her daughter Katherine and husband Soumitra had baby girl Jasmine. She and Leslie are having fun being grandmas again, especially since the baby is nearby in CT.

Look for **Tempe Parker** at our 50th Reunion! She says she'll make it, God willing! Tempe lives in Mt Pleasant, SC, where she sells real estate. She'd love to hear from anyone visiting the Charleston area.

In the past, **Anne Carter Brothers** has written about her lawyer and teacher sons and their families. She writes now that she and John would never have imagined that at their age they'd be standing in line at a sold-out music venue to watch their youngest son Cary perform with his band! Based in LA, but on a tour stop in Nashville he usually sings and plays the guitar, but in this appearance he accompanied himself on the keyboard and played a new song. He announced that finally his mother would get something back for all the money she spent on piano lessons! His songs have been fea-

tured on *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scrubs*, *Smallville*, *ER*, *Bones*, and several movies. Anne says to call her and John senior groupies!

Katherine Haskell Subramanian expects to have a quiet summer with her organic garden and medicinal aromatherapy. She and Ken will go to Snowbird in Aug. for a week for some hiking.

Patricia Calkins Wilder just returned from a wonderful photographic trip to northern Italy followed by a week in Berlin to help daughter Kelley with her first baby, a little girl born on Pat's mother's birthday. Pat said her little photography business is reaching critical mass and she hopes for a break to enjoy the summer.

Laura Lee Brown will be in Iceland in Jul. to view art, then going to the family camp in Ontario; in the fall she's going on a photographic trip to Mongolia with stops in Beijing and London on either end. She may also go to Italy because her hotel in Louisville, 21c, which opened 2 yrs. ago, has been a nice success and the restaurant won an international award. They have contracts to build 2 others in Austin and Durham.

So many of us are grandparents!

Leslie Buchman Richardson and Dale proudly report the birth of their 1st grandchild Samuel Wallace Lear in 1/08, to daughter Gabriel and husband Jonathan who teach philosophy at the U. of Chicago.

Sue Jones Cansler and Chuck will have 3 grandchildren visiting them in Jul. on St Simons Island; twins (8) and their younger sister (6). Sue says island life is good—she's involved in volunteer jobs including the Coastal Symphony of GA (not as a player!) and mentoring at one of the elem. schools. Reunion had added excitement for **Stevie Fontaine Keown** with the week-early birth of granddaughter Katherine Morgan Mirgorod; now she admits that her grandchildren can be born just fine even if she isn't present! Stevie is looking forward to a mini-reunion at **Kathy Caldwell Patten's** house in ME with **Lee Kucewicz Parham** and **May Bowers Morris**.

George Gordon and I, **Jane Goodridge**, enjoy living in Charleston and keep in touch with former colleagues at IBM in the Baltimore-Washington area. In Apr. we cruised the Mediterranean from Venice to Lisbon aboard *Seabourn Pride* and visited ports in Greece, Italy, France, and Spain. We're trying to figure out what to do for an encore!

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When you go to a women's college, one thing is certain—everybody has "sisters."

So instead of sending an email-story about the joys of "sisterhood," come back for Reunion and enjoy the real thing! May 22-24, 2009. It's like "Reality TV," but better (because of our "good taste and good judgment"—sorry, strike that!). In the meantime, please send me any address, phone, and email changes.

Sarah Strother King reports: "We have 4 grandchildren and a 5th on the way. We spend most of our time in Portugal, but in the summer we spend as much time with the family as we can in Luxembourg or Amsterdam." Another focus is the restoration of a medieval chapel in Portugal. "The Web site (created by Sarah) is www.british-cemetery-elvas.org. The chapel is on the doorstep of a Peninsular War memorial site (the period when Napoleon invaded Iberia) that the ex-pats in our area of Portugal maintain."

Genie Johnson Sigler works a lot with the Garden Club and has had great fun running into alumnae at meetings and shows (Anne Allen Symonds '62 several times). "Bill and I have traveled some over the year, but mostly we are seeing the USA by car rather than airlines at this point!"

Lynda Overly Levensgood has reached a milestone. "As classmates retire, we're hoping we have paid our last college tuition! Our daughter Lara graduated from Duquesne Law School in Jun., passed the PA bar, and is a law clerk in Lancaster. It's nice to have her in the area as she has been away from home for 11 yrs. Our older son is a photographer in Dallas and our younger son is a recording/sound engineer living in Brooklyn!"

Nancy Gillies is busy working as an RN leading several psychology groups each year, working in student housing and part time at a church, plus volunteering at the Salvation Army and other projects. Sounds like a full load to me!

Sad news: I called **Pemmie Mercur Cleveland** to follow up on an email address and found that she had been suffering from cancer for several yrs. and was under hospice care. I wrote her a note and her husband called me to say that she died a week after our conversation. If you've been thinking about calling an "old chum" you haven't talked to in a while, now is the perfect time. For contact information, try the Banner List or email me and I'll send it.

A final reminder to come back for Reunion. President Muhlenfeld is leaving and we want to send her off with a big thank you for all that she has done for SBC. And, saving the best until last, we'll be celebrating **Mollie Johnson Nelson's** award as Outstanding Alumna.

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Abby Starke Baird and Eddie look forward to daughter Abby's wedding in late Aug. with a lot of the festivities at her home. Pray for sun!

Melinda Musgrove Chapman says life isn't too exciting—biggest new thing is her Medicare card! We're getting so old. She has 6 grandchildren from 5 to 15—4 girls and 2 boys. Her favorite times are with them. Her son and his 4 live in Augusta, GA, and will join her in the NC mountains this summer. The 2 grand-girls live near in Birmingham and camped with her 1 week at a Christian family camp. Her older daughter is selling \$1-million condos on the Pacific coast in Mexico. Melinda still sells real estate, no plans to retire soon.

Bunny Sutton Healy says life is changing for her—no more the city mice in Boston, they're about to become full-time country mice in western MA. She's completed her last year in administration at Park School in Brookline and is ready for the fun things and time to do them.

Kay Knopf Kaplan traveled this year to the Yucatan, FL, NY with her sister, and then to the CT shore. The big trip is in late Jul., 20 days cruising the Baltic. Exciting, but they'll probably have to move into a trailer afterward. Her advice: don't let your ticket expire (Sally's advice: or your passport). Husband is still darling and has a bad back. Kids and grandkids are great. Dogs are getting old. Life looks precarious from time to time, but is good.

Mary Pederson Kyger had an exciting summer of travels and, best of all, remarriage at the end of Jun. She went to France for cooking school, then to AK, Carmel and South Africa. Earlier in the year she spent a month traveling from Singapore through India. Life is wonderful.

Laura Haskell Pinizio and Stewart are still in residential real estate; she hopes to close her biggest sale soon. Grandson Stewart Gash came for a week of tennis lessons. All the family will gather at Kanuga in Aug. during the 2-wk guest period. The twins, Stewart and Wesley, define motion and noise and fun. They put in new grass and shrubbery in the yard and watered dogwoods until they drooped (at 100 degrees) from over-watering.

Carol Reifsnnyder Rhodes, 7 yrs. post-breast cancer, feels fortunate and healthy. She has osteoporosis in her hips and spine and urges women to get their bone density tests done. She and Bob went to Berlin in Jul. for a meeting—her first visit there since h. s. when the wall was still there. She loves retirement and has rediscovered her love of bridge—she has 57 master points and has met at least 50 new

friends. She's looking forward to a family reunion with their 3 kids and 5 grandsons in CO.

Sally Rasco Thomas went to Egypt in '06 and agrees with Sally H. that it's one of the most interesting places she's ever visited. She saw **Lyn Graham McInnis** in RI in Apr. **Margie Rand Chapman** and George joined them for dinner. It was so good to see her 2 SBC roommates.

Katherine Weinrich van Geel and Tyl retired last year and moved to Amherst, MA, to be nearer children and grandchildren who live in the Boston area. They love the rolling hills, rural setting, wild life, and many things to do.

Sally McCrady Hubbard enjoyed grandson Duncan (7) visiting this summer to hike and attend soccer and tennis camps. Charles and Sally had the trip of all trips, favorite ever, to amazing Egypt, visiting temples and museums from Alexandria to Abu Simbel. Highly recommended. Thank you all for sending news!

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Thanks to all those who thoughtfully responded to our letter and e-mail. We made the e-mail leap this time and the response was excellent! Good to hear from so many. The challenging news as your "class notes editor" is that due to space constraints I had to edit down the news that came in. My apologies in advance if I missed something important!

Let me begin with news from my cohort as Class Secretary, **Randi Miles Long**. She writes, "Herb's and my rhythm of traveling to exotic new places, volunteering, visiting 4 grandchildren in NC, caring for our mothers on the east coast via long distance, and visiting our son and daughter along with family, came to a halt in Mar. with the discovery of a baseball-size tumor on my right kidney. Waiting for surgery a month later to remove the right kidney brought time for reflection, appreciation for each day, prayers, visits and prayers with family and friends, and walks in the garden to see spring burst forth with each new blooming shrub. A week after surgery brought wonderful news. My tumor was benign. I feel blessed and fortunate."

Meredith Aldrich writes that life is full with the last of her 3 children engaged to be married next summer. She divides time between teaching K-Grade 1 and writing poetry.

Susan Wilson Ashcom and Bob returned from sailing in the British Virgin Islands with children and grandchildren and missed the 103°F Washington, D.C. heat wave. Husband Bob is retired, but is Verger at St. James Church in Warrenton and on its staff. (If he were paid, he'd be full time.) She's with Thomas and Talbot Real Estate in Middleburg and putting a lot of dollars in her gas tank to show horse farms! She and Bob still fox-hunt and raise Angus cattle at Maple Springs Farm. 2 children have produced 5 grandchildren and say they're finished!

Kate Clay Barret writes, "Not much news to report. I still work as the administrative assistant in the Philosophy Department at UK. My oldest daughter will marry on 6/28. Middle one has been married for 2 ½ yrs. Youngest is footloose and fancy free. The nest is empty except for 2 dogs and 2 cats. I enjoy yard work, refinishing furniture, watching politics, taking care of my mother. No grandchildren yet."

Sisters-in-law **Betty Booker Morriss** and **Makanah Dunham Morriss** celebrated Bob's 64th birthday in Forest in early Jun. Betty reports, "Makanah and I went off on a jaunt that included a swing through ever-beautiful SBC. We feel lucky to be kin and classmates who share a frame of reference that can't be duplicated. While we moseyed and talked, brothers Bob and Dabney gardened and swam in Bob and Makanah's 3-acre pond in front of their wonderful, ecologically sensitive house. It's great having them in Forest now. 2 hrs from Richmond beats the wagon train to WY."

Pamela Jones Brown is pursuing fascinating work. She has a full-time jewelry design business called Stoneprints and you can google her. Her online store is almost finished—that's her focus when she's not giving lectures on the history of jewelry and having trunk shows. She has had shows in Park City, UT, during the Sundance film festival and in Santa Fe. She collects antique amulets from around the world to add to her one-of-a-kind pieces and enters the Smithsonian Craft Show each year. She focused her Master's thesis on Women in the 3rd World and their struggle to retain their artistic heritage. She hopes to honor them with her own Silk Route necklace creations.

Evie Day Butler writes that she and Geoffrey will celebrate their 42nd anniversary in Jul. Their 3 boys are happily married to wonderful girls, each of whom has had a boy and then a girl. Her parents are both alive so she returns to Louisville often to check on them in the nursing home. Since Geoff retired in '06, they've split their time between Angel Fire, NM, and the FL Panhandle, lots of miles logged in-between.

Lin Campbell writes: Wisdom? I'm not sure I have any. I still think I'm too young to be wise. Maybe I'll just never be wise. I'm sure I'm ancient to most of the world, but I

usually don't feel it. I get a little frightened when I look in the mirror, however...As far as news goes, my husband's last day at UNICEF after 24 yrs. was 5/31. Neither of us is ready to stop working; he'll be starting consultation work at the end of Jun. I'll keep on keeping on with my practice and my part-time work. Most of our travel has been to see various family members around the U.S. and Tom's in England and in Vancouver. We garden a lot, read a lot, see lots of friends, travel when we can, and enjoy NYC culture as often as possible. I feel lucky to have so much mental stimulation right here. We hope anyone traveling to NYC will give us a call.

Robin Cutler writes: The biggest news is that my older daughter Elizabeth Maw and her husband Gabriel Rogin are expecting their 1st child in Jun. in San Francisco. I've started commuting in that direction. Her sister Carlyn, who now has an M.A. in Interactive Telecommunications from NYU and loves yoga, is moving to CA later this summer. My book, *A Soul on Trial*, is beginning to get some thoughtful reviews and was named one of the "notable naval books of the year for 2007" by the Naval Institute. I've enjoyed giving book talks in Annapolis, NYC, Charleston, and later this year in the Portland, OR area.

Judy Barthold DeSimone's e-mail brought the news that **Linda Wallace** lost her wonderful husband early this winter. Skeeter (Lu) had been ill for quite a while, but both carried their burdens with grace and good humor, and model well for all of us. Judy ends with "I simply remain thankful for surely undeserved blessings...and amazed that we're really not still 21...when / how did that happen?"

In late May, **Harriette Horsey Sturges, Sheila Nolan Fuller, Virginia Pennel Brooks, and Jeannie Jackson Exum** were treated to a mini-reunion at the mountain house of **Marcia Pace Lindstrom**. Jeannie reports, "As in the past, we laughed to tears about things we remembered from our time together at SBC. Does anyone else remember the revealing "posture photos" taken of us as freshmen? We definitely remember calling and waking **Marilyn Garabrant** in the middle of the night to give her a "noise warning." These were just a sampling of many outstanding memories of our time together. We're committed to getting together next year as we celebrate our collective 65th birthdays. Can it possibly be true?"

Mary Anne Calhoun Farmer has 5 grandchildren between her oldest 2 daughters (SBC '91 and '92). Her youngest, Katharine, is engaged to a former Rhodes Coll. graduate. When she isn't busy with family, she and Tom try to travel. Last May it was a "National Parks of the West" trip by rail.

Judy Wilson Grant writes: Mainly, we are scattered far and wide. Our son, Newell,

Jr., is engaged and will be married in the Adirondacks this Sept. Our other son Will is hanging up his spurs from horse training in TX to go to grad. school in journalism in MD. Our youngest daughter Caroline lives in Chicago and works for a marketing research firm there. Margaret, the oldest, is married and has been teaching 11th grade English in a charter school here in Denver. Newell, Sr. and I have enjoyed some great trips, one to England for a family wedding this spring, and also several wonderful trips back to SBC for board meetings. He loves coming to the Pink Bubble! I'm involved in a number of volunteer projects, but am trying to peel back a few of those.

Suzy Moseley Helm's email: Actually, nothing very exciting in our lives, but Nelson and I are busy and happy. We'll spend about 4 mo. in summer in Chautauqua, NY, enjoying program, activities, and friends, and are in Louisville the rest of the time. Son Pen is computing in ID, and Ted is a social worker/therapist in Boston. No daughters-in-law or grandchildren yet. Have seen **Makanah, Penny Steketee Sidor, and Marcy Fisher** in the last year—wonderful to have long term friends!

Susan Sudduth Dodson Hiller: Life in the Hiller household has been busy this year. Chuck continues at the U. AR for Medical Sciences in the Pulmonary/Critical Care Dept., but seems to find joy and relaxation in his many projects on our small farm. Gardens here are the most prolific ever. He and I have been traveling a lot, especially as we visited our 5 children who live in 5 different states. Last year I wasn't able to meet my 3 SBC- roomies **Keenan Colton Kelsey, Jane Nelson, and Penn Willets Fullerton** in Nashville since baby Andrew decided to arrive a few days early; however, we plan to get together in Snowmass this Jul. Our Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Finian, is a joy, loves jumping onto "his" raft and floating in the pool. Functioning as Community of Hope Lay Chaplain, Hospice Volunteer, and Certified Grief Counselor has been rewarding. A lot of my time in these capacities is spent either in the nursing home where my mother was a resident or in conducting bereavement classes.

From **Muriel Wikswo Lambert**: It's been another busy year. My research is going well. I have several Ph.D. students who will graduate this year; we're putting together a number of papers on their research. Youngest son Peter graduated from Wesleyan U. in CT in May, and we're taking him to Italy as a graduation present. Our daughter is in medical school and is getting married in Jul. Our oldest son just finished an M.A. program and is taking a couple of months off to travel around the world. Clark and I take a couple of weeks vacation at the end of Aug. at our beach house on the Outer Banks, NC.

Marcia Pace Lindstrom enjoyed the mini-reunion with **Harriette Horsey**

Sturges, Jeannie Jackson Exum, Sheila Nolan Fuller and Virginia Pennell Brooks over Memorial Day weekend, a time filled with relaxation and laughter. She's gotten into duplicate bridge and loves it!

Julie Whitehurst MacKinlay: My "news" isn't unusual for where we all are in years. More and more grandchildren (7 with one daughter still not married), and Ed had his 50th reunion at W&L this spring. Hard to believe...We continue to go back and forth (too much) between homes at VA Beach and our farm in Lexington. Ed practices law part time, and I have been increasingly involved with the Garden Club of VA, have been President of the Blue Ridge Club in Lexington for the past 2 yrs, and am currently chairing the 2nd GCV Symposium for 2010. **Judy Mundy Fowler** from Lynchburg introduced Ed and me while I was at SBC; we were so pleased to have her and a friend come to the farm for lunch last summer from New Zealand where Judy has a vineyard. So many blessings, but we've reached the age when, by far, the greatest of these is good health.

Ellie Gilmore Massie: We moved to Plymouth, MA, in 10/06, and live in a lovely new community called The Pinehills. It has 2 of the most beautiful golf courses I've ever seen, so that's where I spend much of my time. Handicap goes down, then goes up, then goes down. My children aren't too far away. One is an artist and lives in Newport, RI; we see a lot of him. The other lives in NYC and is doing the finance thing after messing around for 5 yrs. Nobody is married, so I'm not into grandmother mode yet, and from the looks of things, it will be a while. I spend a lot of time on the road keeping up with old friends. Play a lot of bridge and golf and that's about it for now.

Kathryn Carroll Mathewson: Dave retires at the end of Jun. and embarks on a whole new vocation (no longer a "job"). He's excited about having time to do what he loves most—painting. We've just returned from a week at the Outer Banks with my family (29 of us) including our daughters Heather and Carrie and their children Ahren (7) and Kate (18 mo.) I'm in my 5th year as Assoc. Rector of St. Timothy's on Signal Mountain, a church of about 1000 members. It remains an exciting place to be as we expand more and more into mission and diverse liturgies, even today welcoming a new deacon from Kenya. I continue to pursue a D. Min. in preaching, now almost halfway through after 4 semesters. My wisdom insight is: Sabbath is a gift which is rude to refuse. So I shall carve out Sabbath each day.

Lee Mackubin Miller: No real news so far this year. Rick and I will leave Atlanta at some point and get to the water! Children are scattered in different directions. The most exciting thing is that I'll be a grandmother in Oct. Can't wait. Daughter Macon,

who lives in D.C., is expecting. Our youngest Anne Lacy is moving back to NYC from Charleston where she hopes to get a job in the fashion industry. Anybody got any ideas?

Peggy Gillmer Myers is almost a "neighbor" of mine here in VA. She lives in Amherst County. She's been retired from a 39.5-yr. teaching career since '06; her main job now is to serve as an errand-runner for the farm (beef cattle). Her children are within an hour or so; one in Lexington, one in Lynchburg, and 2 in Charlottesville.

Jody Noland Old graduated in Jun. with a M.S. in Herbal Medicine. She and her husband went through the 3-yr-program together. In fall, they'll move to Vero Beach, FL, where they'll set up a consulting practice to share their new knowledge.

Andrea Pearson Pennington: I've had the same job for 25 yrs, Court Referee in Juvenile Court in Mobile. I spend my days sentencing, counseling, etc. kids and their families. It is a job that involves a lot of sadness and despair, but is rarely boring. I plan to retire in about 2 ½ yrs, 11/1/2010. Al continues to practice law, but is currently looking for another direction to channel his energies after 35 yrs. of it! Our oldest daughter Katy (28) is married, living in Washington, D.C. where she is Executive Director of the Rotary Club of D.C., and Scott is an Intelligence Analyst with the FBI. Anna (24) lives in Atlanta and works as a Project Manager/Communications Director with AT&T. Moses, the black Cocker Spaniel, rounds out the family. I don't know that I have much wisdom, but I do see a growing crisis with many of our young people who don't seem to see honest hard work, giving something back to society, consideration for others as being something necessary in their own lives. Unless we can craft a way to intervene with families who feel and live only thinking of their own interest at a very early stage in the children's lives, the courts and social service system will be unable to positively impact the problem.

Deborah Haslam Penniston: All is well in Vero Beach. Betty Cates '63 keeps SBC alive and well here. Golf and bridge keep me busy, as well as working on our Distinguished Lecturer Series (a huge hit!) We had Colin Powell and Fareed Zakaria this past year; both were really outstanding. I'm on the board of our local Theatre, which has been fascinating and very rewarding. Retirement is great and family is in good shape.

Dianna "Peppie" Yaeger Rankin: Tom and I have 5 grandchildren. Our 2 oldest daughters, Alexandra and Caroline are married to great guys: Alexandra and Axel have 2 children; Caroline and Andrew have 3 children. Our other 3 children are not yet married. Tommy works in the software industry, Ruthmarie works in the internet industry, and son Carroll graduates this year from U. WI. Tom and I are still in WI as are 2 of our children.

Nancy Bullard Reed had a great visit in Mar. with Marty Brown in VA Beach where she and husband Arch have built and moved into a perfect house. It has wonderful views of the ocean, lovely decks, and a terrific pool.

Kathy Sheahan Reid writes that she and Kemble went to Switzerland to visit **Cindy Paugh Korfmann** and Tano Gianni at their home overlooking Lugano. They see **Peggy Henning Minnick** often, most recently in Carmel. Kemble's law practice is going well in Santa Barbara. Kathy just retired. Her insight: SBC friendships are dear!

Wesie Rivers Robb reflects: Life is GRAND...I think I like being "older," other than the body parts that don't keep up. Husband Nat retired as a 2-star, and we're back on Sullivan's Island, SC, living the good life. (I'm NOT retired, still horse show stewarding. He said he worked the first 30 yrs. of our marriage, so I'm now 13 yrs. into "my" do). We have oodles of grandchildren, step and otherwise, a great-grand, a permanent foster-grand, and a temp. foster-grand and it's the most fun I have ever had. Son Nat, who lives in the Caymans, is the only one without dependents. I don't think he is above water long enough. The most gratifying thing that I do is working as chief groom/hauler to granddaughter Darby (10) who loves the ponies, competing, and pony club.

Jane Taylor Ryan: I retired in 9/06 and enjoy a quieter, slower paced life. Jack and I have taken a number of car trips covering an area up to Canada and down to the Keys. We visit our daughter, her husband, and 2 sons (6, 4) in NH, and our son, his wife, and daughter (12) in Charleston, SC.

Diana Simrell Savory: School is ending and the breezes and heat of summer are welcoming! I continue to enjoy my work with Montessori children. I'm fortunate to be able to garden and work outside with them, since plants and Botany are my focus. I think one of the many things I find inspiring is the joy and enthusiasm with which children approach good works, such as taking care of the earth and promoting using fewer things, recycling and composting in their families. When a child is educated about earth awareness, the family becomes their audience! A great joy for me is a yoga and meditation practice.

Abby Patterson Shultis: I can't believe how fast another year passed. The last 1 ½ yrs. have been spent trying to get settled into my new little house and barn, as well as trying to get landscaping done. I had a hip replaced, which slowed me down a little, but is now doing well. My wonderful little horse, Harry Potter, had to take early retirement, so I'm looking for an inexpensive replacement. I don't feel much older most of the time, but my daughter Parker turning 40 was a jolt! Ashton and her husband Terry expect their 2nd child in

Aug., and I'm looking forward to going to Seattle in Sept. I'm so proud of both girls. A nice thing about living near Pinehurst and Southern Pines is that I have had plenty of visitors—always fun. Anyone headed this way, please feel free to call. I'm in the phone book!

Martha Swanson sent this news: My first year of retirement has gone by quickly and has been everything I'd hoped. I've rested, read, traveled, caught up with friends and put my house in order, room by room. I ended up back at Georgetown 1-2 days a week in the Women's Center coordinating the volunteer staff as the Center was without a director for the entire year. It was pretty much on my own terms and gave me the chance to stay connected with colleagues and support women in their education, a cause close to my own heart. David and I have traveled to NYC several times to visit our daughter, see plays, and watch Georgetown basketball. Sarah was able to join us in Feb. for our trip to the Maldives with a brief stop in London to catch up with old friends. The Maldives were amazing and just as beautiful as the photos. We continue to raise money to build and support St. Aloysius Gonzaga h. s. in Kibera slum, Nairobi, which is supported by the Jesuits and schools children who've lost their parents to AIDS. Ground was broken for the new school, which is exciting for us after 3 yrs. of fund-raising and waiting for bureaucratic snags to be worked out. We hope to get back to Kenya when the school is opened.

Nancy Conkle Swann and David enjoy retirement between their homes in Asheville, NC, and St. Barth's. Both sons are married and in Atlanta. Her older son has their 2 grandsons (4, 1). She and David went on a brief trip to NYC and met **Susan Kjeldsen Roos** for a drink. She writes, "It was great to catch up with her after all these years."

Anne Ward Stern retired from fund-raising and enjoys time to be with family and friends, ride her horse, take art lessons, travel, and be more observant and appreciative of the joys and wonders of life.

Barbara Dublin Van Cleve: After not being in touch for many years, here's a quick catch-up: I live in Greensboro, NC, near my oldest child and recently retired from the local hospital system where I still volunteer 3 days a week, one at the free clinic and 2 as a chaplain in the emergency dept. I'm off tomorrow for a trip to visit my sister and her family in Germany and will then meet up with Dei Laudes, a group of singers from all over NC and TN who tour in Europe every 2 summers. Son Will is a pediatric intensive care MD in Seattle, son Mike is an architect in IL where he specializes in Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and his twin-sister Liz is an oncology nurse in Durham. Christina was an elem. principal who now runs a teacher

mentoring program at UNC-Greensboro's School of Education. I worked in Republican politics in D.C. for many yrs, but am now a passionate Obama-supporter, an active member of my local Episcopal Church, and love entertaining. I've just returned from Long Island where I served as chef/caterer for a movie production company, a volunteer gig that fit right in with my old passion for theater.

Anne Newton Walther shares that she has 8 grandchildren (all boys). She's written 2 books: *Loss of Innocence* (published in '07) which is a sequel to her first book *A Time for Treason*. Both are historical fiction about the French and American Revolutions. She does make annual trips to Charlottesville each Jun. to keep her VA connection.

Carey Judy Weathers: Finally, I'm so happy to be a grandmother of 2 grandsons: Lucas (1) and Thomas (6 wks), sons of my daughters Louisa and Susannah. I'll go soon to the Riviera and Provence on a trip with 4 others and we'll be air-painting. Son Dallan is a geologist and lives in New Orleans, and our youngest Kay has finished an M.A. at U. SC and will move to Cashiers, NC, for the next 4 mo. to work at a resort. It's a big adventure. We look forward to spending a lot of time at Pawleys Island this summer; we love it there year round.

Mary Meade Gordon Winn: After Tom died 6 yrs. ago, I moved into a lovely patio home where I'm now settled. My son Tom III, a lawyer with Woods Rogers, lives 5 min. away and his 3 girls keep me occupied and on my game, so-to-speak. Gordon and Andrew live in D.C. where they continue to gig at events large and small. Gordon has published a Spanish handbook for advanced Spanish students and continues his frequent jaunts to Spain. Last fall, he took me with him on a visit to Madrid and Valencia and proved an excellent tour guide and wonderful company! Andrew and Logan have an energetic son, Andrew Meade Jr. (7 mo.), whom I kept for a week recently, whew! Andrew is preparing for medical school, while Logan is an estates and tax attorney in D.C. Meredith lives in Jackson, WY, where she's practicing law at a small firm in town. She loves those wide open spaces, takes advantage of all outdoor activities possible there. My life is full of family, friends, church choir, gardening, traveling, clubs, the beach, winters in Vero, and all the usual activities that one enjoys as life clips along. I count my SBC-friends among my most treasured blessings and enjoy visits with them regularly.

And finally, this wonderful story of the "miracles that abound" in our SBC-connections comes from **Marcie Fisher** and **Harriette Horsey Sturges**. Marcie begins: "One day in 7/07, my son and his girlfriend picked me up at the airport saying, 'A lady at church says she was your college roommate.' My first thought was,

'I've been going to that church for 20 yrs, I think I would have noticed.' But suddenly I remembered that a new minister had been introduced the previous Sunday. She had a beautiful Southern accent and her name was Harriette. What a wonderful surprise." Harriette continues: "My husband and I moved to Washington, D.C. in 7/07 for me to serve at St. Alban's Episcopal Parish. I knew the rector and his wife and no one else. I started in with Vacation Bible School and met this young man who was helping out. His name was Rod Fisher and something rang a bell. It dawned on me that this might be Marcie's son. I tactfully asked how old his mother was and whether she went to SBC. Of course, the answer was, 'Yes.'" Marcie continues: "I'm sure you can imagine that Harriette gives an exceptional sermon; but, can you imagine taking communion from your college roommate? It makes one feel blessed."

And for myself, **Makanah Dunham Morriss:** Bob and I continue to enjoy our horses and our eco-sensitive, contemporary home and lovely setting, as neighbors of **Kit Baker Sydnor** and Kendall. I've been helping out with a therapeutic riding program locally as well as keeping busy with denominational boards and committees at the national level. In Aug., Bob and I will be spending a week at Chautauqua with Suzy and Nelson Helm. This should be fun.

Again, thanks to one and all who wrote. And keep the news and insights coming!

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This news would be longer except that it's from me. I've discovered that the reason many of you don't respond to my emails is because your computers block mass emails. Who knew? If you want my reminders of Class Notes deadlines, please tell your

computer to accept mass emails from me. If you don't know how (or if SBC doesn't have your email address) mark the deadlines on your calendar. They're on the first page of the Class Notes section.

Ginny Kay Baldwin Cox (Poquoson, VA) offered me consolation for my email woes by writing that she has had the same problem with the membership roster she keeps for her library's Friends group, and husband Tommy doesn't do computers! There was a mini House 3 reunion in Jun. at Frere's cottage at Wrightsville Beach (see below), but GK missed it because the Coxes' Tiger Cruise (for friends/family of sailors) was at the same time. Their youngest, Ann Stuart, is a Lt. in the USN's reactor dept. on the Truman (aircraft carrier); she invited them to sail with the Truman from FL back to Newport for the homecoming after their 8 mo. deployment. Day to day, GK is doing "lots of down and dirty yard work (gardening would be too refined a word for what I do in the yard) ...which reminds me...Tommy just called from work and asked (he *did* ask) me to go pull the cantaloupe vines off the okra. Omigod! Gardening emergency!"

Ronde Kneip Bradley (Baintree, MA) and I drove out to Culver, IN, in Jun. to attend the wedding of **Dina Moser McGuinn's** (Westport, CT) youngest, Stephen. It was great fun with the ceremony and reception on the campus of Culver Academy where the bride's father teaches. Stephen is working on his Ph.D. in criminal justice at U of MD, and his wife Katie Grace is a social worker on a children's unit at Hopkins. Daughter Kate Motley and Matt live near Westport with their 2 sons giving Dina plenty of opportunity to babysit, and son Ian and his wife live and work in the Far East. Ian was written about in a recent *WSJ* article, but I didn't understand most of it. Ronde's daughter Kate is working for a company in Boston setting up computer programs for hospitals like Mass. General. Nicky is in her first year as an RN in the NICU at Philadelphia's Children's Hospital. Ronde is busy working for Wm. Wiley publishing (textbook division), volunteering for Hospice, and studying and practicing Buddhism. Both Ronde and Dina have been to San Francisco in the past year and had most enjoyable visits with **Elizabeth Lewis** and **Lisa Baker**. What interested me was that both Elizabeth's and Lisa's husbands have been reported to be very good company! That's not something you hear every day, is it?

Martha Brewer (New Orleans, LA) is back in NoLa, grateful that Susan and she sold their house in Little Rock despite the bad RE market. She started work (ob-gyn) at LSU in fall '07, feeling both excited about it and afraid of getting in over her head. On Xmas Day she wrote, "The main thing that we're grateful for this year being back in New Orleans...and that my work at LSU is

turning out so well. Susan is looking forward to some serious painting and art after the holidays (and after the bathroom and kitchen renovations). We're looking forward to '08 being a better year (than the last few) for us and all our friends here (most of whom have had worse last-few-years than we've had)."

Working as a counselor at a community mental health service, riding her horse Falcon, and serving as his nurse and physical therapist (and chamber maid), designing and planting a garden, and caring for her father, **Ridgely Fuller** (Waltham, MA) is as busy (and political) as ever. She takes her 2 dogs on long daily walks, one of which last winter ended in her calling me on her cell phone to say that she'd fallen on the ice and broken her wrist. *And* she was sitting in the snow waiting for the rescue squad to sand the unplowed road so they could get to her and the dogs. That was an exciting day! Son Nicholas completed his 1st year of practice teaching kindergarten in NYC, and Benjamin returned home in May from a year of study and travel in Latin America. Brad continues in the graduate school of sociology at Boston Coll., travels all over the world for his job, and has no plans to retire. As I write, Ridgely and he are in Italy, this time for pleasure.

The prize for most dramatic '07 Xmas news goes to **Cathy Hall Stopher** (Louisville, KY) whose son Charles got a piece of tenderloin stuck in his esophagus at dinner. "After everyone had opened presents (*What? AFTER?*), he, Steph, and Ed went to the emergency room and he had to be put under and they operated to retrieve it. That was scary. Charles and Steph live in L'ville where he's a lawyer for the Public Defender's Office. Marshall is still the illustrations specialist for *National Geographic* in D.C., while husband Douglas Kiker is working for a consulting firm in NYC. Ed still tries lots of cases and I'm working to get my golf handicap below 35. I love bridge and working with my garden club."

Carolyn Mapp Hewes (Atlanta, GA) and her husband visited Cathy & Ed at their new condo in Gulf Stream, FL, for a recent weekend. Cathy wrote, "Carolyn's youngest son, Paul, teaches at St. Andrew's, a private h. s. in Boca Raton, and she combined a visit with him and us. Her 1st son, Michael, and his wife had a boy in summer '07. Son David is an actor in LA and has 2 movies in Blockbuster now. One in the horror section and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. He guest stars on *CSI* and lots of other TV shows." **Keithley Rose Miller** (Palm Beach, FL) also visited Cathy "to play with me in our member-guest. She's just the same. Really fun! She's a decorator and husband Dwight is a lawyer."

Claudette Harloe Dalton (Earlsville, VA) is Physician Director of Perioperative Services at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, VA. (I got that from her

email format) and is a new grandmother. "Have 2 wonderful 'surrogate' grandchildren already, but my son has a 5-mo.-old (7/08) who is a dear, even if he never sleeps! My son and daughter-in-law are beyond zombie-ism with sleep deprivation, but the curious baby (known by his nickname "Huck") seems determined to see and do everything NOW. No time to sleep apparently; it's a good thing his parents are teachers! On the professional front, I assumed the chairpersonship of the AMA's Council on Medical Education and will have a full year of travel and work trying to smooth out the wrinkles in how we educate doctors. I'm on the board of the group that oversees the education of docs after they go into practice and on the Board of Medicine in VA. The Board of Medicine work (disciplining bad doctors) is a bit depressing—who knew that doctors could get into so many and varied types of trouble? But that is balanced by the work I do each summer with a huge free clinic in Appalachia where the "good guys and gals" see over 8,000 uninsured patients in 2 ½ days! At that event, where I'm one of the medical directors, the doctors and nurses who really care make up for the ones who misbehave. This is the best thing I've ever done with my medical license." Claudette had a fabulous time at the mini House 3 reunion that GK missed. "Each of the House 3 denizens has, in her own way, become a woman that SBC can be proud of and that I'm honored to know. Whether in the wonderful children they've raised, the spouses and partners they've nourished, or in the work they've chosen to do, each of them has carved a life of meaning and purpose. The conversations we had ranged from art to parenting to politics and were *never* boring. What a superb tribute to themselves they are! SBC brought us together, but I suspect that each of them has had this core of "giving" all along...it shines in all their accomplishments... Really, this is the best time of our lives. We've accomplished much, learned much, and lived full lives enriching others and ourselves. I wouldn't trade a minute of it for any other life, and I hope our classmates will send you their news. Big or small, the news is what holds us together and shows us the greater web of life. It's vital that we keep in touch on some level and share our stories!" Amen to that.

I got a quick note from **Ann Tremain Lee** (Newport News, VA). "I'm still of the old school (snail mail), but I do use email and recognize its benefits! I'll get back to you soon. Just returned from a trip to CA where our 2 granddaughters live along with their parents!"

I get tons of news from **Susan Scanlan** (Alexandria, VA) who has lots to say about breast reconstruction, travel, career, politics, and gossip. A sampling: "Breast reconstruction was a pain in the butt, having to go out to the plastic surgeon

9 times to get saline solution injected into the tissue expanders via syringes the size of turkey basters. But it didn't hurt as all the nerve endings in that part of my chest have been severed.... When we flew to TX a couple weekends back, I had to carry a card from my plastic surgeon to present to the FDA inspectors. It stated that I had metal tissue expanders in my chest—not bombs! Jared and I flew to Italy to hop a belated 60th birthday cruise down the Dalmatian Coast. It was a rollicking success. The calories were so high and the dollar so low that the Cameron/Scanlans now have to save up to weigh themselves. We disembarked at ancient walled cities in Slovenia, Croatia, and Montenegro, all former vacation sites for Roman emperors, with white stone buildings and red tiled roofs, backed against spectacular cliffs, and fronted by the impossibly blue Adriatic... The food was so-so, my main complaint being that the buffet luncheon offerings weren't labeled and one day I bit into what I thought was beef Stroganoff, only to discover it was *liver* Stroganoff. Cue the Tom Hanks scrape-your-tongue-with-a-napkin scene... 2007 found me 'speechifying' all over the country. The lower Bush sinks in the polls, the more demand there is for liberal women to offer an alternative. So I taught women's studies classes at OR State U., the U. of MI, and Mary Washington Coll.; spoke on women's health panels at fancy spas in San Antonio, Boca Raton, Indianapolis, and Tucson; debated Don Imus defenders in Chicago and on CNN; and addressed 3,500 angry feminists at a Nov. *Freedom on Our Terms* conference in NY. In 2008, Eli Lilly has booked me for a 7-city tour to promote Evista, an osteoporosis drug that also turns out to prevent invasive breast cancer. In Mar., Sweet Briar has asked me to give the keynote address at the annual leadership conference. There's a chance I'll be traveling to Hanoi in May to speak at the Global Summit of Women and revisit our old Asian haunts. Come Aug., I'll be herding 300 young women to the conventions in Denver and Minneapolis to meet the candidates and get inspired to run for office... In May, many of my far-flung Scanlan cousins will rendezvous on a Carnival line cruise to Cozumel. My Dad's twin sisters, Jane and Claire, will be first aboard. At 86 yrs. old, they live in the 3rd home built on the same lot in St. Bernard Parish, courtesy of Betsy, Camille, and Katrina. Nobody would ever be fool enough to buy their land so all the old folks are condemned to recycle their lives, storm after storm. Every weekday morning, the Twins head over to the Council on Aging for free breakfast. At least twice a month, they demand to be driven to the MS Coast casinos to partake of the complimentary buffets or to gamble away their children's inheritance. How I wish I'd inherited a bit more of that *laissez les bons temps roulez* attitude."

I got an email from **Pat Fuller** (Holliston, MA) who asked me to pass it along to Sue, and I include it here: "I wanted to get a 'thank you' sent to Sue for adding cancer jokes to her many accomplishments. She will not remember me (I started as class of '70, then '71), but as someone going through the slash and poison phase of breast cancer, I loved her class notes."

Ginny Stanford Perdue (Nashville, TN) added to the details of the House 3 reunion: "It was our 2nd trip there, as we spent a few days between exams and graduation there 39 yrs. ago. We picked right up where we left off and enjoyed one another tremendously, delighted for the quickly re-formed empathetic connections midst such diversity of life paths. If what we experienced is any indication of what lies ahead for all of us next May, then no one wants to miss a second of it, worth any sacrifice to get there. So goes my pep talk! In Nashville I see **Nancy Wendling Peacock**, and we should be proud of her career as a song writer. 2 of the songs in the new Billy Graham movie coming out later this year were written by her. (See below.) Have had mini reunions recently with: **Haden Ridley Winborne**—still in Atlanta but quite frequently in NYC as both of her twin daughters live there. One has blessed her with 2 little girls, the other is getting married in Mar. and has been working at the UN for our govt. in a 'mystery' capacity; **Less Guthrie Keller** who took on the challenge of a lifetime when she moved to San Diego to try to salvage the declining Episcopal Community Services organization there (and she's succeeding); her husband Paul is still in Chicago and they have a commuting marriage, seeing each other every other weekend; and **Mabry Chambliss DeBuys** is still the lawyer you dread to see on the other side in high-powered, high-stakes divorces in Seattle. As for me, I'm a high-powered Gigi to our 2 toddler grandsons 5 days a week. If any of you have trouble sleeping, I have the perfect cure!"

Nancy Wendling Peacock (Gallatin, TN) described the House 3 reunion as "the highlight of this year so far. The 8 roommates who came had 3 days of nonstop talking and the discovery that we are just as compatible now as we were then! I'm currently a songwriter and music publisher with my own company, Washington Street Publishing. I have 2 songs in the new feature film titled *Billy: The Early Years*. There is supposed to be a movie *premiere* in Nashville in early Oct! My career description is getting ready to add some new titles. I'll be the A&R rep for a new independent record label named Slugfest Records Nashville and the co-manager of the label's artists. I'm also involved with a new reality tv show named *Breakout: Road to Stardom* that hopefully is going to air in the spring of '09. My son is an associate with an archi-

tectural firm in Portland, OR and my daughter is a lawyer with the Attorney General in Nashville."

Helen Willingham Meadors (Rabun Gap, GA) has been busy going back and forth to Macon to visit her 91-yr-old mother, in addition to making desserts for a local restaurant and being the local dealer for Crocs. "I was the first Croc dealer outside of Boulder; we've done well with them at the restaurant. Mort and Frank are fine. Frank got a job straight out of college in architectural modeling in a wonderful company in Minturn, Co. He lives in Vail and loves to snowboard and fish. The working conditions are laid-back western and democratic. We love his girlfriend Kristen, who is a marathon runner and a biologist who works for Forest Service in summers. They joined Mort and me in Costa Rica last Jan. for a great vacation at an eco lodge. We have a grandson, Graham (8, son of Mort's daughter Amy) who is in our area at camp as we speak. Also am gardening and knitting, though compulsive knitting has caused me to have *bad* arthritis in my thumbs. **Lucile McKee Clarkson** (Atlanta, GA) and Bill bought a retirement house not too far from us, so I'll be seeing her more. We have a blast when we get together. She is wonderful." Then Helen ended with instructions for me not to include all of the above "boring *+@," which I'm ignoring.

I still work part time as a glorified secretary at our local school where I used to be the nurse. Free from concerns about head lice, Epipens, insulin pumps, and malingering little scholars, I have a wonderful time with parents, faculty, and staff. I'm also a trustee for my father's retirement community (currently serving on a committee to explore Hospice options, extremely interesting) and for the local Hist. Soc., and I spend a lot of time and energy with my 2 "rescued" dogs from VT and WVA. Like Ginny Kay, I do some "down and dirty" in the yard (I love to prune and then pay a local boy to clean up after me), and Peter and I enjoy finding new places to explore on day trips (e.g. Edith Wharton's spectacular estate in Lenox, MA, and the Worcester Art Museum where we saw a terrific exhibit from Winterthur). Adele is a social worker at McLean Hospital (psych) and Charles will be starting a master's program ("the business of art") at Sotheby's in NYC in Sept. (Again, many thanks to **Lynn Pearson Russell** (Alexandria, VA) who met with Charles in her office at the Natl. Gallery of Art to discuss careers in the art world.)

Our 40th reunion is in May. So far, **Nancy Wendling Peacock**, **Ginny Stanford Perdue**, **Claudette Harloe Dalton**, and I plan to be there. It's a great party and an opportunity to have good conversations with old friends and also with classmates that one didn't really know 39 and more years ago. Claudette's description of the mini reunion at Frere's describes

my experience of reunions. I've never been bored! I hope that many of you will save the date, May 22-24, 2009.

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To start off our News in Review, let me share this from a classmate. "I, of course, am still the svelte (plus 60 lbs); blonde (8 shades darker) or brunette (from a bottle that won't cover the gray) or redhead (never really was, but always wanted to be); physically fit (can barely make it up a flight of stairs, and if I fall, I have to wait for help); intellectually curious (*People Magazine* now instead of *Time*); outgoing (talk more to my dog than anyone); culturally aware (All My Children); humorous (laughed once in Mar., I think); avid reader (see *People Magazine* above); engaging (can't remember what I said last, but am sure it was witty and humorous); and loyal Sweet Briar fan (I'd write more for the notes except I have no idea what I've done or who I've seen when) that I always was. Still looking good is some shades of pink and green, so nothing much has changed!"—**She Who Must Not Be Named**

Please send comments on the above to me at your earliest for inclusion in the next installment of the Notes. Things are going well (knock wood) writes **Cutler Bellows Crockard**. Son Bradd marries in Oct. in Lufkin, TX, to a young woman they all love. She's been warned, says Cutler, so there's no blame later! Cutler and Doug see them often since they both live and work here in Houston. Bradd's a lawyer and Sarah, an interior designer by education, works for an insurance company with **Liz Woodard's** daughter Catherine, small world. Daughter

Callie and JB are still in San Antonio where she has a job she loves in marketing for a large law firm. JB is in the oil business. Doug and Cutler get to Galveston more often since the end of Mar. They planned to go to Greece in Oct., but with the economy and the dollar, they've decided to stay stateside and do something wonderful in North America. Cutler had a slipped disk, underwent surgery in Jun., but she's well on the mend now.

After years of being Head of an Episcopal day school (K-12), **Rhonda Griffith Durham** stepped down in order to assume the position of Executive Director of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. (ISAS accredits independent schools in 6 southwestern states. Read about ISAS and see Rhonda's staff profile at www.isasw.org.) Rhonda loves her work since her 3 children are grown and making their way in those early years of careers. Only the youngest, Jonathan is married, and they have no grandchildren yet! Son Trevor lives in Salt Lake City, daughter Caitlin lives in LA, and Jonathan lives in Manhattan. Jonathan married Alexis Martire, a Harvard classmate from NJ, in NYC summer before last.

Rhonda's work and childrens' schooling take her to Boston often where she's seen **Mercedes Gravett Grandin**. Also an accomplished educator, Mercedes has been head of a school in Boston. Mercedes's daughter Merce and Rhonda's daughter got to be friends and roomed together for a while in Palo Alto.

Since Rhonda works with numerous schools in Houston, she travels there often, trying to see SBC roommate **Natalie "Bobo" Ryan Hoyt** as often as possible. They celebrated a recent birthday with Bobo and her husband Mont. Rhonda claims Bobo and Mont look young and wonderful even after raising a large family. Bobo also works in education administration for Houston ISD. Rhonda points out that Sweet Briar gals are doing their part to improve education in our country.

Susan Snodgrass Wynne and John ("Dubby") celebrated their 35th anniversary at Christmas '07. Their 2 sons also live in Virginia Beach now. One married in Savannah a year ago; the other is engaged to one of the bridesmaids, so Susan will have 2 GA peaches! After a major renovation, she and Dubby are back in their home. Susan still enjoys her Board memberships at Norfolk Academy and the Ronald McDonald House. While hard to believe, she's off to her 40th h. s. reunion at St Agnes in Alexandria, VA. Rhonda Griffith shared some of her special times with Susan. They became close friends years ago traveling together by car from Norfolk to SBC and back. They've kept in touch over the years, shared childrens' weddings, some of life's challenges and heartaches, and even had some real fun—shopping in Palm Beach, relaxing in

Mustique, conferring on home decor, and searching for the latest effective cosmetics and slenderizing fashion. This coming year, they'll be serving as Board members of their grade school alma mater, Norfolk Academy. At Susan's son John's wedding last spring in Savannah, Rhonda saw **Greyson Shuff Tucker** and reports that she and husband Garland don't look a day older. Greyson is a master gardener and maybe she'll help with problems in your English garden.

Thinking of SBC often, **Emily McNally Brown** has enjoyed her SBC bulbs, transplanting them from 3 different homes. They still thrive, "just as all of us have thrived as a result of our SBC education." Emily teaches American Lit and Music/Art Humanities at the h. s. in Howell, MI. Husband Jim has retired from Ford. Their eldest son and his wife expect a 5th child in Sept. Chris, the youngest, is a video game editor in Ann Arbor and moonlights as a sportswriter. He's "almost engaged" and lives in Emily/Jim's walkout basement apt. Emily would love to hear from classmates heading to Northern MI or the Grand Hotel!

Carol Cody Herder reports that it's been another great year as an empty nester. As President of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, she's been busy with her main fundraiser, the annual Theta Charity Antiques Show. Carol and husband Charlie continue to have fun bicycling, kayaking, and spending time at their TX ranch. They also travel a lot and enjoy their new puppy. Daughter Sarah is happily married, working and living in Austin. Son Charles is a senior at MIT and has been accepted there for his Masters, so all's well with the kids too.

I get nice notes regularly from **Betty Morlice**, who has changed addresses, but still lives in Reidsville, NC. She enjoys the '72 news. She's still interested in history, both about SBC and local venues in Reidsville.

Susan Waller Nading and husband Alex are doing fine as empty nesters. They've had some wonderful trips and enjoy their house in Highlands, NC. Alex still works full time, but manages to get away on a regular basis for bird hunting and fly fishing. They love golf. Lately, Susan's been playing a lot of bridge, even a little duplicate. Hiking has become another favorite activity and, as she sent her news, she was "resting" after a wonderful day in the woods. Daughter Murray and husband Marc are the parents of Susan's only grandchild, Ward. Being a grandparent is as fabulous as everyone says. Son Alex lives in Nicaragua while he's working on his Ph.D. dissertation in anthropology. Son Will is leaving his job at a local bank to go to graduate school in Engineering at Clemson.

Since retirement from middle management of Goodwin House, Alexandria Retirement Community in '05, **Kitty Howell Riordan** has been immersed in Pastoral

Care work. Kitty has volunteered many years in the Pastoral Care Dept. of INOVA Alexandria Hospital as a Volunteer Chaplain, done mentoring there, and, most recently, held the position of Interim Director of Pastoral Care, which lasted longer than planned, 7 mo. Kitty visits her declining mother (87) and finds the "walk with her" mutually nourishing. She's equally committed to the Pastoral Care Team at church. On the side, Kitty has enjoyed participation in a local New Neighbors League Club Chapter offering a bi-weekly bridge group, a Garden Group, Museum Jaunts to Washington, which she co-leads, as well as an informal singing group performing at local nursing homes. Additionally, Kitty has monthly Sacred Circle Dancing, also a great cognitive workout, and her daily Qigong Eastern discipline, along with other ways to keep her spiritual journey active and full, mostly tuned into Compassionate Mindfulness of living in the Moment. Kitty and Dave walk 2 mi. and swim daily and cherish time with family. Son Matthew is in a good operations position in a CT hedge fund. Youngest Michael has had a recent "call" to medicine, now doing pre-med undergraduate work at Duquesne U, following Cornell days and lacrosse for both sons. Family is full with 4 older stepchildren and 10 grandchildren! They love their annual Jul. Bethany Beach family Riordan reunion: 3 houses and all attend.

This year **Marion Walker** was asked to be a Partner in the law firm, Ford & Harrison LLP, handling commercial and employment litigation. She stays busy with the practice and looks forward to returning to golf, sailing and gardening after a bone spur is cut out of her neck! Nephew Michael Walker was married to Susan Burns from Gainesville, GA last Oct., and the twin daughters of one of Marion's twin sisters were the flower girls. Nephew Robert Walker is at Birmingham-Southern, and Marion enjoys having him and Michael close by. Nephew Jesse Walker graduated from McCallie in Chattanooga this year and is headed to UGA in fall. On the tussy side, Marion installed 2 water barrels because there was a serious drought last summer and this year it cleared up. At least she gets to take some fun trips with business, joining some MD/VA/DC SBCers for a lunch last Christmas and promising more visits for laughter and tales.

All is well in Gates Mills, OH, says **Gail Garner Resch**. She and Michael had a 10-day bike trip to the San Juan Islands with 14 people in Jul. The summer brought enjoyment and much gardening. Son Garner is a senior at Trinity Coll. in Hartford, and Gail and Michael look forward to their final college payment!

Ginnie Stevens Purcell loves working as VP, Development of the Westminster-Canterbury Foundation at Westminster-Canterbury Richmond, a very large retirement community. She thinks she and Riker will reside there some day! Ginnie and Riker

have all of their plants in containers (no grass) since they moved into Richmond's Fan District in '06. They love being near VCU for lots of performances, etc., and they're also within walking distance to *lots* of restaurants. Ginnie has 1 child still at home—their 2nd Corgi, Oliver (8 mo.). Daughters Brookie (29) and Anne Riker (25) live in Manhattan. Brooke is an attorney at Covington & Burling's NY office, and Anne Riker has been at the Metropolitan Museum's Development Office for 3 yrs. since graduating from Princeton. She's going for her M.A. for decorative arts in fall. Both love the city.

Several moves to report: **Kathy Pauley Hickok** moved back to Richmond. Welcome back/home, Kathy. **Margaret Lyle Samdahl** moved to a new home, but still in Lexington, VA. Margaret continues work at Lee Chapel at W&L.

Rosie Brache Leparulo's life is very happy since the birth of Gracie Isabella Leparulo, her 1st grandchild, daughter of son Robert (30). Gracie is a delight in every imaginable way. Everyone always told Rosie that being a grandma would be great, but until experiencing it firsthand...ahhhh! Rosie continues to teach French and Spanish at North FL Community Coll. in Madison. William and Rosie still live in and love Tallahassee, where William teaches at FSU. Son Willy (32)—where do the years go?—is single. Rosie hopes Willy can find a gem like Robert's wife, Kristy, a sweetheart, a terrific new mom and a busy RN. Willy is a Student Advisement Coordinator at the U. Both sons live in Tallahassee, as does stepdaughter Carmen, who has been there for the past 10 yrs. Rosie got together a few months ago with 2 SBC buddies: **Kathy Leibell Paster-nak** (best friend since age 13!) and **Cindy Miles Martinez**. Cindy's son is a fighter pilot in Destin, FL, and they got together there for one of Cindy's granddaughters's christening. They were able to talk with their 4th suitemate from senior year in Randolph—**Leslie Armstrong Ramsey**, who is recovering from a bad leg fracture, but happily married to husband Rex.

Marcia Wittenbrook never fails to crack me up. I wish I could publish all her comments, but...Marcia was just selected to serve on the Parish Council at her Church for 3 yrs. She's on the Board for Friends of Apollo's Fire (Cleveland's Baroque Orchestra) and was elected to be First VP for the next year. Anytime anyone wants to come up to Cleveland to see the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Marcia offers her spare room. For fun, she went to an overnight camp, noting she had to wait until she was 57 before she was allowed to go to sleepover camp. It was all women and they did lots of arts and crafts. "Good practice for when I'm in the 'home'," says Marcia.

Dale Shelly Graham and James are well in D.C. Their son Fielding is a senior at SMU in Dallas, and daughter Lily is a sophomore at Davidson and plays women's

lacrosse. Dale and James enjoy their empty nest and have seen more movies in the last year than they have in the last 20 yrs!

Kathy Keys Graham and Bill announced that David graduated from Auburn with a degree in civil engineering in Jun. and is engaged with a Dec. wedding planned in Birmingham. He'll return to Auburn in the fall to pursue a masters in engineering. Keys has finished rebuilding her lake house, which was wiped out by a big tree. She hopes to visit lots of SBC friends after the wedding.

Many got a special Sweet Briar fix in Jun. at **Margaret Hayes Brunstad's** daughter Betsy's wedding. **Kathy Keys Graham, Ginger Upchurch Collier, Kathy Upchurch Takvorian, Marion Walker, Susan Snodgrass Wynne, and Susan Waller Nading** were there to admire the radiant bride and support Margaret.

Mary Phillips Donohoe Carrera writes with her new email address: *marycarrera26@aol.com*. "After marrying the wonderful Jim Carrera," she says, "I've decided to change my name."

Mary Heller still lives in D.C. and works as a chemist at NIH. She spends most weekends traveling back and forth to Atlanta to be with her mother (87). But, she did take a break to join **Dale Shelly Graham, Jill Johnson, Carter Frackelton, Janet Nelson Gibson, and Eileen Gebrian** at **Karen Medford's** beach house in Rehobeth Beach, DE, for a mini-reunion in Jun. **Elizabeth "Tina" Hall Baugher**, who has a beach house around the corner from Karen, came over for drinks. Tina and her husband live in Baltimore; she has a son who is married and a daughter who is planning an Oct. wedding. Tina caught us up on **Caroline Mauck Grumbine** and her family who also live in Baltimore.

Eileen Gebrian and husband Tim Barberich enjoyed the summer at their house on Nantucket. They visited younger daughter Lily in Greece where she spent the last year studying art. Lily will return to U of British Columbia in the fall. Daughter Sophie finished college and works for a small firm in NYC after several years of living in Paris. Eileen spends more time playing golf and going to see the girls wherever they are. After their fun trip to Bali last year, Eileen and Karen Medford are planning more exotic trips for next year.

Carter Frackelton is way too busy with all her civic, business, and family duties. Fortunately, she makes time to rest at her camp in upstate NY during the summer and makes time for her many SBC friends. Although **Marty Neill Boney** and Carter didn't get in their annual Christmas shopping trip, they have managed to see each other a few times, all of which have been special. Others of us passing through Fredericksburg, VA, also love to get together with Carter. One night I stayed with Carter after one of my Board meetings, we talked right

through a tornado....in her 3-sided glass den! I must admit I thought I heard a train, but we were just too busy discussing a topic to investigate.

There are those in our class who do much to support Sweet Briar, and they should be acknowledged. **Martha Holland** often hosts functions and this year hosted the Back-to-School Luncheon for first year and returning students. What would we do without our pink hard hat ladies? (See the cover of Spring/Summer 2008 Alumnae Magazine.) **Ginger Upchurch Collier**, Chair, SBC Board of Directors, and **Kathy Upchurch Takvorian**, Board of Trustees Emerita and now Chair, Fitness and Athletics Center Fundraising Committee, looked great with pink-ribboned green shovels at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new center. Ginger, we are especially grateful for your leadership as Chair, facing the challenge of finding our new President.

In her "news" email **Rhonda Griffith** wrote, "This is the era we're in, as many of our classmates have lost parents or are managing health issues." Here's something else to think about. Whether we've lost family members or are struggling to maintain quality of life for those we love (and ourselves), I've found it's important to make a connection for your own support. Nobody reminds you of the person you were, and are, like old friends, especially your frank but compassionate Sweet Briar classmates. My posture amazingly improves after one of these phone calls. Sometimes I feel stronger, sometimes I even think I'm super capable, and I'm always happier. We're all blessed with close friendships in our class, both old and renewed. And, it doesn't take much to erase 35 yrs. Let's keep it up. Stay in touch. It's truly special.

Now, SEND ME SOME @#\$\$^^ NEWS.

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Ginger Woodward Gast was sorry she missed Reunion, but health complications prevented travel. She started teaching 1st grade in Fairfax County, VA, to a class with English as a 2nd language 4 yrs. ago. Paul continues at his trademark office, working at home for the past 10 yrs. He's a Mr. Mom when the girls need a chauffeur. Mike (29), a Navy pilot, will fly in Iraq from 7/08–12/08. Caroline (27) completed her MBA and works in Charleston, Annelise (19) is a freshman at VA Tech, and Katie (18) is a senior in h. s.

Diana Dale Reiling writes: "Chuck and I are residential real estate partners, we're lucky that Seattle is weathering the "mortgage meltdown" with a strong

economy in our region. Son Steven graduated last year from RPI and is out on his own with a good job as a software engineer. Daughter Erica, when not creating Reunion "ID badges," is a junior at Seattle Pacific U. I'm 8 yrs. out now from my breast cancer diagnosis, feeling wonderful. I've enjoyed the extra time I've been able to spend with **Susan Dern Plank, Joan May Harden, and Jane Potts** over this last year; they enrich my life! I've been fortunate to spend some time at SBC during my term on the Board of Directors (one more year). It's so rewarding to be a part of the decisions on the Fitness and Athletic Center and the new student housing, to see the College vibrant and growing, and to get a chance to know yet another group of amazing alumnae who work tirelessly on behalf of SBC!"

Lisa Fowler Winslow was sorry to miss Reunion, but daughter Suzanna was graduating from Northwestern in Chicago. "She starts law school in fall. Son Russell is a lawyer in San Diego; I'll have 2 in the family! **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** and her daughter spent a weekend with me in May. It was great being with her."

Pascale Boulard Dutilleul says hello from Paris. She loved the pictures from Reunion. "I wish I'd been there! It's great to see you all with your lovely smiles. Last night I was at Reid Hall, rue de Chevreuse, Paris, for the Junior Year in France 60th Anniv. 2 wks ago, I went to the Paris Opera with **Melinda Williams Davis** to see *The Barber of Seville*. We had a great time together, climbing up the towers of Notre-Dame and walking in the Ile de la Cite with her daughter Emory. Please come and visit. There is plenty of room at home, since 4 of our 5 children have gone."

Laurie Norris Coccio reports an interesting year! "This was my 1st year as a retired school principal. Husband Chris and I traveled all over the world! Croatia and the Czech Rep. in Nov., NZ in Jan., Patagonia in Mar, Peru in Apr. and Eng. in Jun. All were fantastic, ending with visiting my daughter at Oxford where she's finishing her Ph.D. this summer and starting a post doc fellowship for one more year. Our house in Milton, NY, is on the market, with plans to downsize if and when Chris retires in a yr. or 2. In the meantime, we're beginning to plan next year's travels. Retiring 'young' was a great decision!"

Ann Major Gibb lives in Salisbury, MD, and enjoys the advantages of a small city after living in rural VA for 27 yrs. She's doing marketing for the town of Snow Hill and maintaining their Web site. Daughter Emily and her husband are in Bangor, ME, and son David is getting his MD and his Ph.D. in Richmond, VA. Emie works 9–5 these days, so they're having fun exploring this new area together.

Kathy Pretzfelder Steele writes: "It was great seeing you and the other '73'ers that came to Reunion. 1973 was a big year

for me. Besides our wonderful 35th reunion, I'm marking 35 yrs. with my company, a national ins. carrier, where I'm Assistant VP of Business Development and 35 yrs. of marriage to husband Dave, who is Gen. Manager of a private recreation club. He also coaches the h. s. swim team where he was named Coach of the Year by 2 NJ papers. Daughter Tracy (28) is an attorney in Chicago. Our other daughter Kelly (25) is a killer whale (Shamu!) animal trainer at Sea World in Orlando. We're busy planning her Sept. wedding in FL."

Christine Eng Leventhal is teaching Forensic Science, Biology, Genetics, Authentic Science Research, and the 9th-grade gifted at Darien h. s. in Darien CT. Husband Peter still owns a natural food and nutritional counseling business, The Wilton Organic Gourmet, in Wilton, where they have lived for 26 yrs. Amy (28) is backpacking in Costa Rica; Nick (25) is working and living in VT; and Jon (20) will be going to U of CO @ Boulder this fall as a transfer student. They'll take their annual vacation in Block Island this summer!

Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin loved seeing the pictures of Reunion. "Everyone looks great; I was sad to miss seeing **Diane Leslie** who hasn't been at many other reunions. That Sat., I was chaperoning for 6 hrs, which included being dunked in a tank. Oh, the travails of a dean of students! I flew back to Boston on Sat. and am headed to Martha's Vineyard tomorrow, can't wait to dig in my garden and walk on the beach. Our arrival back east coincided with the heat wave so I tortured myself by checking the temps in San Diego, which varied from 69–72 degrees while we were in the high 90s here."

Sandie Schwartz Tropper writes: "It's been a busy year. In addition to being a fine art appraiser, I teach Principles of Valuation courses for the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) at RI School of Design, Northwestern U., Pratt U. and this spring also at U. of GA. I'm the Chair of the National Personal Property Committee for the ASA. I'm active in an advisory council to the organization that writes the standards for appraisers. It keeps me busy! I was able to do some appraisal work for **Char Reed** when her mother passed away last year and while the occasion was sad, it was great to spend time with her."

Wendy H. Robinson still works for the VA Dept of Agriculture as a field biologist "chasing gypsy moths and emerald ash borers (we don't have them yet), etc., etc., 30 yrs. and counting. It's still fun, never a dull moment. If we aren't out doing state work, we're working for the USDA in some capacity. My dear Jim works at a violin rental shop in Lynchburg and teaches music, as well as plays in a handful of groups. He plays several different instruments, so there's always good music at our house. We've been together almost 4 yrs,

have known each other for over 40." Her latest project is a ¼ acre rock garden...a work in progress. Once they solve the deer problem with a high fence they'll be "free to feed ourselves and enjoy the fruits of labor of about 40 yrs. of landscaping, most especially the last 10." Their children, 5 between them, the oldest (33) and the youngest (18) are doing well in various pursuits. "We're enjoying life and each other and our beautiful spot in the Blue Ridge Mountains."

Anne Billings McDougall writes: "Greetings from Maitland, FL! Daughter Maggie and husband Jonathan just gave Ed and I our 1st grandchild in Dec., Anne Oliver Iverson. She's a joy. They live nearby while Jonathan finishes his last year of seminary. We're enjoying it while it lasts. Our son Jim graduated from W&L in '07 and finished an M.A. at U of FL. Visiting W&L brought back memories of college days for me. I'm still a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and involved volunteer. I'm extremely jealous of those who attended Reunion; I plan to be there at the 40th!

Susan Bundy says "life is good in C'ville. Those of you who came to UVA on road trips in the 70s wouldn't recognize the place. The Manpower franchise for which I worked for 22 yrs. was sold back to Manpower Inc. in '01 and after about a year of pt/temporary work and substitute teaching I changed paths and ended up in property management. (I credit my SBC Liberal Arts Education for giving me the wherewithal to change directions and continue on). I've been with MHE for over 6 yrs. and still enjoy it. Never in a million years did I imagine that I'd be managing "manufactured housing communities" but, as I've discovered, everyone needs to live somewhere. It's truly affordable housing and in most cases built better than speculative "stick-built" housing. Andre and I are working on 3 yrs. married. He just returned from GA after remodeling the bedroom for his new granddaughter expected in Sept. Loved seeing everyone at Reunion. Wish we'd been able to stay longer, but my niece graduated from UVA with an M.Ed. that weekend and my nephew from UGA with a BS in Econ/Real Estate the week before, so we hosted the family graduation party on Fri. night."

Linda Lipscomb loved the 35th and is on a campaign to have more attend the 40th. Her work at the Dallas Museum of Art is getting very busy preparing for the arrival of King Tut exhibit in Oct. She is taking a couple of wks for a summer getaway in San Miguel, Mexico, where she plans to rest in preparation of the 1+ million anticipated visitors to the Museum during the Tut exhibit.

Rene Conover Reed writes: "It's amazing to me that yet another significant reunion year has come and gone. Could we all be quite this old? Impossible! Believe it or not, I'm a grandmother, affectionately known as GiGi, and I must say I'm enjoying

the role. My daughter, Melissa, married 3 yrs. ago, and we're blessed with Ava Lillian. Son Craig will enter Wake Forest Sch. of Med. this fall after graduating from UNC in May. Time has passed all too quickly. Looking forward to what the next chapters hold for us."

Susan Hancock Duke says while she doesn't have news, it was great to see everyone at Reunion.

Betsy Oakly Smith reports her nest is truly empty as youngest son Robert is being married this Sat. in Asheville, NC, to a woman he met at Sewanee. They'll live in Louisville, KY, where Robert will enter Seminary. She did make the W&L reunion where she saw many SBC people.

Karol Kroetz Sparks missed the 35th because it coincided with a family reunion. Big news: she and Steve are moving to Greensboro, NC. She'll be teaching at the new law school associated with Elon U. and carrying on law practice with a Chicago firm from afar. They have been married 36 yrs. and had 4 major moves (Indiana to S. CA in 1990; to Rochester, NY in 1993, to the Quad Cities area of Iowa in 2001 and now NC). Daughter Ashley (30) is a producer for Rachel Ray in Manhattan, but is giving it up to move to Boston to be with her guy. Son Austin (27) works for Xerox in Chicago and has almost finished his MBA at night ("the way I did law school, tough way to get educated!"). He was married on 9/1/07 to a lovely lady from upstate NY. The wedding was in the Finger Lakes area, absolutely wonderful! They have a cat and a dog and rent a room to her when she heads to Chicago for work. She hopes to report grandchildren by the next reunion.

Carol Anne Provence Gallivan writes: "I do stay loosely in touch with **Mac Cuthbert Langley**, in Charleston, SC. Husband Johnny is a pediatrician and when our children were young, we usually had to pay him a visit every time we went to the beach! **Betsy Oakley Smith** and I still stay in touch. Son Henry (middle child) is getting married 8/23/08. He met Mandy at USC Law School, and fortunately for us, they're going to live and practice law in Greenville! Oldest child Anne Genevieve has moved from D.C. to Atlanta and is working for Ernst and Young. Youngest Harriet has also left D.C. and has begun a Master's of Occupational Therapy program at the MUSC in Charleston. Mills and I celebrated our 35th anniversary and are taking our anniversary trip to the Greek Isles after Henry's wedding! Mills still practices law and is involved in several international legal defense organizations, which has allowed us to meet wonderful people and travel to fabulous destinations."

Molly Dunn Martin missed Reunion because she and William were on a trip to England. They live in Pike Road, AL (suburb of Montgomery) where they built a house on William's family land. "Our

daughter Cameron (Davidson grad) lives in Birmingham and is unattached, so no grandchildren yet... I'm active in the dog show world and do more and more judging and not so much exhibiting anymore. I've been invited to judge in Australia next year and am looking forward to my first trip to that country. William is as busy as ever practicing law. Unfortunately 'relax' is not part of his vocabulary!"

Nancy Lenihan Conaty and Jay relocated to Hilton Head Island in '07. "I was sorry to have missed Reunion, but was able to visit the campus last year while our son Matt was getting his MBA at UVA (Darden). He's now working in Richmond, so we have another reason to visit VA. In Jan., I attended an SBC luncheon in Charleston where I reconnected with **Lucinda Larson** after many years."

Trish Gilhooly O'Neil and Mike moved back to the UK last year after his retirement (they had lived in London for many years). They decided to try country life in the Cotswolds, but they still keep their home in HI where they have lived since 2000. Eldest son Ted graduated from Trinity in Hartford, CT, in May and their youngest goes to school in NH.

Cindy Bekins Anderson writes: "our daughter completed her 1st year at TCU and our son will be a junior in h. s. here in Omaha. Our family is closing in on our goal of traveling to all of the 'lower 48' states, which we hope to reach by the time our youngest graduates from h. s. This has given us some of the best family trips and fantastic experiences over the years! I've even seen a few SBC friends along the way! Best wishes to everyone!"

Val Fannon Cooper was unable to attend Reunion as her daughter Blair is to be married on 7/19 in Hershey, PA! She was fortunate to see Kathleen in Richmond and catch up a bit. "I cannot believe where the years have gone! All my best to everyone!"

Carter Heyward Morris: "Our great news is that Hampton and I are the proud grandparents of a precious girl (1) named Em. She belongs to our daughter, Heyward, and her husband. Luckily, they live in Atlanta, so there's plenty of babysitting going on!"

Susan Craig writes: "Loved Reunion and thought Sweet Briar had never looked more beautiful. All in all, we looked pretty darn good! Since Reunion, I've been on the go, just returned from our trip to Croatia where we rented a bareboat with our traveling friends and spent a week in Istria, which I highly recommend, then went to Italy. A wonderful time, but I'm happy to be home and back to my quiet life. Our sons are out and about—Edward (20) is in Spain with Coll. of Charleston summer program and Bennett (21) in Nova Scotia and then Taiwan from Davidson Coll. We're thankful for these opportunities to see the world, and especially when everyone returns home

safely! I hope to stay in touch with friends from SBC... It meant a lot to me to reconnect."

Scottie O'Toole writes: "Nancy Haight '75 and I spent 10 days in Italy last Oct. with 4 other women friends. We stayed at a lovely villa in Umbria near Perugia. Interestingly, the owner of the villa told us that there were 2 SBC alumnae who lived in the neighborhood (they both graduated in the 60s, I believe)! Unfortunately, they were traveling so we didn't meet them—small world!"

Christine Eng Leventhal: "Hey everyone: I loved seeing the pictures, thank you so much. They brought me right back, wish I could've been there. Emily and Nan: you look exactly like the last time I saw you! Love to all and anytime you are in CT, please call."

Jane Garland Lucas: "Last summer I sold my ownership in my interior design company. After 31 yrs. in the industry in Boston and 24 of that owning my own firm, it was a good time to make changes. My husband Carmen and I sold our home on Monument Ave (the road leading to the Bunker Hill Monument) in Charlestown, MA, at the same time, moving into a small apt in the Charlestown Navy Yard (ship building renovated by Phillip Starck/YOQ) near the ship berth for *The Constitution*. For the past year, I've been teaching (RISD, BAC, NEIA — graduate and undergraduate courses in interior design in local colleges). Yesterday, my husband closed his architectural firm, saw his last student and we moved out of our apt. Today we're on the way to our island in ME (Gay Isl. off the coast of Cushing/Pleasant Point). It's off grid with lots of projects for the summer to bring it a few steps beyond a summer camp status." In Oct. they move to a new condo in Austin, TX, on Lady Bird Lake with great sunset and city views. They hope to teach at UT, begin a joint firm there and plan to continue to spend summers in ME. While further from their younger son who remains in ME, her siblings, nieces and nephews also in ME and Carmen's sister and brother-in-law in Boston, Austin will bring them closer to their older son, his wife and 4 grandchildren outside Boulder, CO, and her mother, still active at 92, in Panama City Beach, FL. Last summer she attended the wonderful wedding of one of **Creigh Casey Krin's** twin daughters in CT.

Lucy Dennington Van Zandt: "Mims and I had a great time at Reunion and are looking forward to the next one. May I add my 2nd to someone's comment that **Nan Robertson** looked the same as when we were in school! 2 days after returning to Memphis I attended the 100th anniversary luncheon and recital of the Renaissance Music Circle, of which I've been a member for 17 yrs. Marsha Evans, sister of **Marian McKee Humphreys**, and wonderful concert pianist, had planned the whole fabulous

event. As next year's president I'll have a lot to live up to. 10 days later I sang at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Memphis Boy Choir/Memphis Chamber Choir concert. That was another wonderful event and an end to a busy spring. Jul. should bring some rest except for a trip to San Antonio to check on my elderly parents. Mims and I plan a visit to Austria and Hungary in Sept., hoping for beautiful weather.

Chris Sherwood Warner agreed with all that it was nice to be on campus with the 73'ers. "What a lovely, vital, warm (and good-looking) group. How great that we chose a college that still holds our hearts. My older daughter is a senior this year, we hope she picks a college that draws her back the way SBC does for us."

Joan May Harden has been in Stafford, VA, helping her daughter with their new grandson, Luke Harden Raniella, who was born on 6/13/08.

Gina Conley Pappas missed Reunion as she hosted a graduation party for her niece. She's still in touch with her room-mates **Lisa Montgomery, Susan Miller Allen**, and **Christie Smith**.

Pam Ivens Renner was unable to be with us at Reunion since son Bart was graduating from Yale, where he received a full scholarship to the Institute of Sacred Music. His master's degree is in art in religion. He graduated with honors last year from UVA, where he majored in English (poetry) and minored in religious studies. He plans to become a college professor, but will take a year off to prepare for his Ph.D. He's engaged to Nicole, also a UVA grad and member of Phi Beta Kappa. She also has been at Yale this year working for the Yale Press.

Anita McVey Ledsinger was unable to attend Reunion as she was involved with a fundraising dinner social put on by the Longwood (PA) Rotary Club on behalf of the Kennett Area Senior Center. Anita is the Executive Director of the Senior Center. She had worked previously with migrant farm workers. She's active in the lives of her nieces and nephews, especially those that live near her. Her husband has his own business washing pharmaceutical equipment, a unique but important service. Anita hopes to make it to our 40th Reunion as she has been unable to attend since our 20th.

Kim Riccardi Ramsey has been busy the past several months as Walt's mother (90) lives with them. She hopes to attend our 40th Reunion, especially since she is only about 4 1/2 hours from campus.

Susan Dern Plank left Reunion early to visit her daughter in Washington, D.C. Elena started a new job with a small commercial real estate brokerage firm in Bethesda, MD, in early Apr. She loves her new job, the people she's working with, and living in D.C. near DuPont Circle. Shortly

thereafter, Susan and David went on vacation in Belize, returning to their favorite spot on Ambergris Caye. Tropical Storms Alma and Arthur prevented them from doing as much diving as originally planned, but it was still an enjoyable vacation. They returned in time to attend 2 weddings, including that of her cousin's daughter in RI. She hopes to be able to vanquish the weeds flourishing in her garden before fall.

Reunion was fabulous thanks to Susan, Joan, and Jane and thanks to **Jean Platt Rospondekand** and Stan there were fabulous pictures for all to see online. She said she'd love to see anyone who might be passing through Philly. One other note I'd like to share is how great it was to see **Jeanne Schaefer Bingham** there. If you didn't know, Jeanne was in a serious car accident years ago. It's been a continuing struggle for her through the years. She was nice enough to display a newspaper article in the library about her life before and after. Despite her trials she's constantly thinking and giving to others while raising her own family as well, a truly special and amazing woman. As to the news, I thank you all for the wonderful response. I'm in awe of the wonderful job Weezie did for so many years (I cringe to think of it before the "cut and paste" era!) Reynolds and I are about to move from our farm of 30+ yrs, but only 2 mi. down the road to a smaller farm where we'll just have our own horses. He's still practicing veterinary medicine, I'm enjoying my painting, and we love going to our place in MT every year.

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Barb Bernick Peyronnet: We're busy with parents in assisted living and Maggie (18) heading to the Coll. of William and Mary in fall. We truly are the sandwich generation! Annie (13) keeps us hopping; she's involved in ice skating competitions (year round) and summer dive competitions. She has a full plate of camps lined up for the summer. Both girls head to Boston on a church mission trip in Jul. Doug and I will be empty nesters temporarily, and will do some car traveling while they're gone. Next week we're headed for a family vacation to FL, which all of us are looking forward to! It's been a busy year with moving my Dad from an apt and a condo into assisted living, sad to say he passed away in Apr. We moved Doug's folks into the same assisted living facility from their home of 60 yrs. (lots of stuff to clean out!).

Sally Kennedy McGroarty: I'm happily married to David, a Gastroenterologist, here in Richmond. We have 4 children, Desmond, a graduate of Georgetown, currently working in Japan. Ward, a graduate of Gettysburg Coll., working in the D.C. area. Maura, a junior at Georgetown. Neil is a senior at St. Christopher's School and will attend Georgetown in fall. Lots of games! Also, my 3 boys are Eagle Scouts. After graduating from SBC I taught elem. school in the Philadelphia area and in Richmond. For the last 25 yrs. I've worked as a certified group fitness instructor and personal trainer. Lately, I've been concentrating on senior fitness, Pilates, and Yoga. I'll turn 54 in Apr. and my body wants to slow down. I still run when I can, no more races. Other than volunteer work there's not much time for anything else. *We're very excited to be empty nesters in fall.*

Gay Owens Gates: Daughter Lauren graduated from Cab Calloway School of the Arts 6/6 and won the top honor in musical theater. She'll attend U. of the Arts in Philadelphia in fall as a theater production major. Daughter Lily graduated from Cab Calloway m. s. on 6/3 and will attend Cab as a freshman in fall. Bob and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in Aug.

Becky Mayer Gutierrez: Anthony and Tara had son Gauge Anthony Gutierrez born 3/15/08. A true sweetie, he's stolen my heart. Being a grandma is amazing. George and Alison's wedding is 7/19/08 at our house, then they go to the Bahamas. Mike has one more year in h. s. and then unsure, looking towards the Army. I'm teaching and getting my masters, loving it. We are blessed, thankful for all we have.

Vera Blake Thiers: The chance of a lifetime turned up in a heavy-weight

version. Was offered a job at our big international school as director of marketing. Remember, I was a history major. Took it, although it means my evenings and weekends plus the normal 40 hours are plastered full of work. And I thought part time would've done just perfectly. Figure it will keep my grey matter churning. I do have to laugh at all the youngsters, plus it keeps me from becoming a notorious digital dinosaur.

Dee Hubble Dolan: All is well in "Paradise," our new home in Powhatan, VA. John and I have a mini farm with 20 critters, 2 horses, and a pony for the grand-kids. My business, Dignity Care Services, is growing. We provide companionship for the elderly, which adds enjoyment and laughter to their days. Daughter Amy expects a 2nd child in Jul. (a girl) who will be a welcomed addition to her brother, Will (1). I keep in touch with **Nina Baker Neal** and my goddaughter Natalie, who will attend St. Andrew's in Scotland this fall. My octogenarian parents are happy and healthy on the campus of Emory & Henry Coll. in VA.

Stephanie Maxson Kenyon: My husband retired from teaching only to become a long-term substitute in a very unruly 2nd grade classroom. I enjoyed another year teaching 6th grade and look forward to my 5th yr. next year. It's certainly a different life from corporate America, many more hours and lots more stress, but seeing a child blossom is the reward. Our oldest son, Jay, entered h. s. and continues to play outstanding baseball, while youngest son Mike is off to m. s. next year. We're off to our house in ME after the travel baseball season ends in Jul. We look forward to a few wks relaxing by the lake.

Fran Scott's marketing and communications consultancy, Scott.Gardner Group, starts its 10th yr. this fall. Fran's son Zach is a sophomore at MTSU in the recording industry program.

Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn: Oldest son Clayton is a member of the US Marine Corps and returned last month from his 2nd tour in Iraq. We had a great homecoming celebrating the return of Clay and his battalion. We thank all of our men and women in uniform for their service to our country. 2nd oldest son Cliff completed his freshman year at Vanderbilt U., which he loves. He spent last summer backpacking through Europe with 2 friends and this year traveled to Uruguay on a house building mission during spring break. This summer he returned from a 2-wk trip to Israel. Both of our older boys are seeing the world in their own way. Our 2 youngest, twins Charlie and Will, graduated from 8th grade this month and are headed to h. s. They're hockey and lacrosse players, we enjoy watching them play. This year, hockey tournaments took us to WI, TX, and to St. Louis where I was able to catch up with Addy Eshbach Donnelly '78. Stuart and I celebrated our 25th anni-

versary in '07. I still ride regularly and enjoy skiing. I've been at the same company as General Counsel for 19 yrs.

Tricia Waters returned to the museum world full time after a 14-yr. hiatus raising kids. She feels lucky to be working in her chosen field at The Philips Collection as an Assistant Registrar with a top-notch collection, staff, and location (Washington, D.C.) Husband John (Neer)'s home renovation business felt the pinch of the housing crisis, but is slowly recuperating. Lucy's a rising h. s. senior, at Camp Allegheny as a J.C. this summer. Will's making zombie movies in their backyard and attending a week-long teen filmmaking camp in NYC this summer. Tricia's father lost a valiant fight against cancer in Jun. at age 91, and her mother is a vibrant 83, living in Baltimore. Tricia enjoyed a short visit by **Ebet Little Stevens** and her sister Anne Little Woolly '83 when they visited the nearby Mount Vernon Estate. Tricia enjoyed quick visits (and re-introductions) with her goddaughters Anne Stevens, Ebet's daughter, in Durham last Labor Day and Colbern Uhl, daughter of Ainslie Jones Uhl '76, at Barnard Coll., NYC.

Roxane Clement: I'm spending the summer working on the Obama campaign. I started in Apr. and worked a month before the primary here in NC, and once the local office opens for the general election, I'll be hard at it again. Apart from that, I'm working on my old house and planning a trip to Istanbul in Sept.

Debbie Koss McCarthy: David works as a consultant at UNC, I'm still running and loving the Augustine Project; Courtney and John just bought an old house in Atlanta where she works for IBM and Alex is a design engineer living and working in Manhattan. We just got back from a great trip to Spain, but for me "there's no place like home, Auntie Em!"

Ellen Sellers McDowell: Mary Susan (18) graduated from h. s. in May, and I took a group of friends to Destin to celebrate. She'll go to TX Christian U. (TCU) in Fort Worth in the fall. Emily (22) graduated from Washington and Lee last Jun. and is in graduate school in Austin at the U. of TX getting a master's in geology. Ginny (21) will be a senior at TCU in fall. Kate (16) will be a Junior at Parish Episcopal h. s. She was part of the swim team that won the State finals. Rex is having fun with his new business, Softswitch, a small telephone company that integrates telephone, internet, email, and cell phones under one system. I'm still volunteering at school and at church and holding a few cooking classes. We look forward to a wonderful family vacation this summer on a cruise in the Greek isles. Had a good time seeing **Glenn King Springer** and her family last Nov. when we were both in Montgomery visiting family. I plan to see Lochrane Coleman Smith '76 in Jul. when I drive through Birmingham.

Carolyn Williams Seeling: Living near Valley Forge, PA, with husband Stephen, Justin (21) and Sarah (15). Work at elementary and middle schools in Special Education. Have opportunities to travel (New Zealand and HI last year and South Africa in fall). I spent a weekend with **Jane Mooney** and Dorothy Lear Mooney '78. I keep in touch with Jane Maloney '74, **Corra Snyder**, Sophie Chrysler Hart '81, and Susan Griffith Grossman (St. Joe's '77). This summer I'll spend a month in San Francisco taking a Cambridge U. course to be certified to teach English as a Second Language. Will stay with my twin sister in Concord, CA.

Linda Guardabassi Michael: Sept. '07, **Cindy Webb**, Kari Shipley '76, **Angela Scully**, **Vera Blake Theirs**, **KC Carnwath** and I got together at Cindy's Rehobeth Beach, DE, townhouse. We were there for 2-3 days, an excellent time. We walked on the beach, swam, made and ate wonderful food and beverages and traveled down memory lane. Lots of catching up, lots of laughs. My news: Andrew (25) graduated from Wheaton Coll., IL, and is in a 1-yr. intensive nursing program at Bellarmine Coll. in Louisville, KY; Paul (22) graduated from Miami OH U. with a business/economics degree and is marrying Kimi Ratliff (of Dayton, OH), education major also at Miami, on 8/23/08 in Dayton. They'll honeymoon in Belize, come home and move to Raleigh, NC. There they'll find jobs for 1 yr, then in '09 they both start at Southeast Baptist Seminary (in Raleigh) pursuing their master's of divinity. They plan to become full-time missionaries overseas; and Krista (17) is a senior at Christian Academy of Louisville. She's going to her last Arabian Youth Nationals competition in Albuquerque, NM, in 7/08 with her horse Xtra Cool. They'll do hunt seat equitation, dressage, and jumping and hope to bring home all the trophies, ribbons, medals, and leather jacket. Doug continues to work hard for Harshaw Trane Air Conditioning, commercial and industrial HVAC. We'll celebrate 27 yrs. of marriage in Oct! Besides being a barn mom, I spend my time facilitating women's bible studies at my church (fascinating!) and volunteer to teach English as a Second language to adult refugees. Before I forget...in 8/07, Krista and I were extras in our church's Easter pageant film. We were Jewish female peasant farmers in Jesus' time. The film was shot with IMAX cameras and is extremely high quality. With our dark makeup we looked very Middle Eastern. Besides the 6 hrs that Krista and I volunteered as extras together, I went on to spend 34 more hrs as an extra in 100 degree heat. It was a wonderful experience. The film was a supplement to our Easter pageant that has hundreds of volunteer actors and runs as a play for 6 nights over 3 wks.

Anne Rubel Waddell: I enjoyed a trip to Nantucket in early Oct. with **Toni Bredin**

Massie. The weather was beautiful. We stopped by Marianne Hutton Felch's ('79) house on the island and chatted about old times and new. I have 2 handsome boys, Cooper and Jack by my husband, Jim Waddell. We celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary this year. We live in La Jolla, CA near the beach and are happy. I paint yachts. If anyone is interested in seeing my work, visit my Web site: www.yachtingart.com.

Libby White Drbal: Son Drew (18) earned his Eagle Scout award in Mar., graduated last week, got a car and is off to Elon U. in NC the end of Aug. Parents are thrilled with his college choice, the campus and entire school set-up and atmosphere reminds me of a larger (5000) co-ed SBC! Youngest son Tyler (16) is behind the wheel with his parents with a learner's permit (to add to the grey hairs from Drew), going to Boy Scout camp with his father over the 4th of July and backpacking in the mountains of NM for 8 days with his Boy Scout troop in Aug., along with Doug and brother Drew—last boy scout trip together. Doug is traveling a lot for Pfizer Animal Health, playing golf when he can with customers, and acting as Scoutmaster when home. I've been busy holding the fort, visiting colleges, reviewing college apps, running the administrative part of the Boy Scout troop, gardening, and running to the gym when I can to continue the illusion that I can defy gravity. Our parents are holding up with the advancing years. I stay in touch with **Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn**, **Maggie Shriver**, Addy Eshbach Donnelly '78, Meg Richards Weiderseim '78, and Keedie Grones '76. Maggie took me on a business awards trip to Maui last fall with her, which was awesome!

Debby Epperson Sizer Stringer: I'm still the General Manager of 2 radio stations, WBRF-FM (a 100,000 watt FM station), and WWWJ-AM. You can listen online and read about us at www.blueridgescountry98.com. I live in Galax, VA, and am married the 2nd time to John Stringer, a retired banker. Oldest son Brian, a Marine, returned from Iraq where he was over Intelligence. He finished law school and became a father on 1/10/08 (to my 1st grandchild, Michael Sizer). That's the big news! I'm a Grandma for the first time. Brian saw his son for the 1st time when he was 2 mo. old, because he was born when Brian was in Iraq. Brian is married to Annette, and he is currently studying to take the Bar. Son Steven lives in North Hollywood, CA, and works for Warner Bros. Youngest daughter Virginia attends college in TX. I have 2 step-daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, who teach school.

Maggie Sexton Johnson: I visited SBC with daughter Emily (14), her 1st time! We were headed to D.C. for a conference. I've completed my DNP (Dr. of Nursing Practice) and, as my husband says, "You've been in school for 30 yrs. since we were married," which is correct! My son (25)

graduates in 8/08 with a master of engineering from U. of TN. SB was beautiful; although, I'm amazed at the differences and new construction going on.

Farnell Cowan Holton: Rick and I moved to Boston from Arlington, VA, and are happy to be back. I'm working for MFS Investment Management after being with the US Dept of the Treasury for almost 8 yrs.

Cindy Kendree Thieringer: I have an exciting announcement for alumnae who have gone into education and are teaching math, science or technology in grades 5 and above. Honeywell Corporation has an amazing *full* scholarship program that brings educators to the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, for a 1 wk Space Academy. All expenses paid and you get to train like an astronaut for a week. It's *awesome*. I attended the Academy last year and this year attended the Advanced Academy. We went on simulated missions, space walks, experienced a simulated shuttle launch, learned how to fly fighter jets, experienced extended micro-gravity in the neutral buoyancy tank, and went through some amazing team building activities. I received exceptional materials for the classroom. Applications are due in fall, and the Academy runs in early summer. Go to the *Honeywell.com* Web site, then to Hometown Solutions, and then to Educators Space Camp. Apply for the greatest staff development you will ever experience. Besides me being an astronaut wannabe, all is well with husband Jim and 4 children: Kendree (24) in Richmond, Kiley (22), a senior at Lynchburg Coll., Sawyer (17), a senior in h.s., and Charlie (14), a sophomore.

And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, retired on 6/4 after working 30 yrs. straight (no kids, no time off to raise them). I'm *loving* retirement, don't get bored easily. I spend my time reading, watching TV, swimming in the community pool, doing genealogy, sleeping, learning to cook again, and meditating. Pete and I celebrated our 30th anniversary 2/11/08. We're looking forward to a trip to CA in 8/08 to see our nephew and his family. If you watch *Jeopardy!*, look for him—he is on the Clue Crew—Jon Cannon. If you didn't get an email from me to solicit your news, then I don't have your email address. Please email it to me at the address at the top of these notes. I'd love to hear from you! I've started an unofficial group on Facebook called "Sweet Briar College Class of 1977"—check us out!

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This will be my 1st attempt at following in Paula's and Janet's footsteps as Class Sec-

retary. They're a tough act to follow! Thanks to them for helping make the transition a smooth one. Last time I did the class notes, computers weren't available! It will be much easier this time! What fun it was to reconnect with so many classmates at Reunion this past spring. It's hard to believe that it's been 30 yrs! The stories told by all were wonderful and showed what a diverse group we are. Many thanks to **Toni Christian Brown** and **Robin Jones Eddy** who hosted a pre-reunion party in Lexington on Thurs. night! I understand that all who attended had a wonderful time. From what I've been told, the 10-yr. tradition will continue. Make plans, when reunions come around again, to arrive in the area a day early! Also, **Becky Dane Evans**, still our Class President, found some great pink handled canvas tote bags to help remember our fun times that weekend. (Who could forget!) For those of you who weren't able to be there, you were missed. We're all of an age where family events and responsibilities take priority, as they should. Hopefully, those of you that couldn't make it this year will be available in May 2013.

Lu Litton Griffin wrote in that she had a wonderful time catching up with everyone in May, and how great it was to see **Lauren Place Young** who had missed so many reunions while living in HI. Lauren and Chris are working on a wonderful, Victorian house way up in northern VT. Lauren is having fun catching up with old friends on the east coast after a long absence. Lu was able to spend some extra time with **Debbie Snead Schrader** and Tom when she and **Julia Sutherland Smith** spent Sat. afternoon at Debbie's home in Amherst. Tom and Julia's husband Phil were able to do some golfing. Catching up with **Eileen Scully** was one of the highlights for Lu. She wrote that **Annie Stelle** is a full-time seminary student in Chicago and that **Anne Riordan Flaherty** regretted that she couldn't attend Reunion as she was scheduled for cooking school in France at the same time! Tough duty Lu also received notes from **Susan Neggard Hanley** and **Michelle Tarride Frazier**. Susan regretted missing Reunion, "she hated missing her fellow biology majors. Her family is living in Switzerland now for her job and Susan couldn't schedule a trip to the States in May with her work schedule." Michelle was tied up with an h.s. graduation on Reunion weekend. As for Lu, she's still in western NC, spending weekends on Lake James outside Marion, NC ("all visitors welcomed"). Daughter Sarah is a senior in h.s. and considering Pharmacy School as she considers colleges for next fall. Lu and Sarah went to NYC with Sarah's Girl Scout troop in early summer and were able to spend an afternoon with **Jean Beard Barden** at her office. Son Ivey is a 9th grader and was starting Driver's Ed this past summer after graduating from Morganton Day School with honors. Ivey is

active with Boy Scouts and will work toward his Eagle after Boy Scout Camp, Rock Band Camp, UNC Swim Camp during the summer months. Husband Alan continues to build homes in Linville, NC, as well as coordinate a commercial masonry business in Morganton, NC. Lu continues with local non-profits, assisting them in their development and fund-raising projects.

Katie Renaud Baldwin has moved to OR and was sad to leave AK this past spring after living there so many years, but has become "a master weed puller out of our huge veggie garden. All my boxes are unpacked and everything is in place. It feels good. Come fall I'll start all the testing one has to do to become an OR teacher. Then we'll have to see if anyone will hire an older teacher! Anybody have any connections in OR?" Emily started her freshman year at Chico State U., CA and Amanda has gotten her CNA and is in nursing school. "Cary and I will be taking care of our 89 acres, 2 dogs, 1 cat, 2 horses, 3 cows, tons of chickens and a few ducks. I guess that is it for now!" (*Is that all?*)

Lisa Spruill Darby and **Lenore Cox** "set Las Vegas on fire (not!)" on a recent trip courtesy of Lenore's employer, Genworth Financial. Lenore "was awarded the Chairman's Compass Award to recognize her outstanding contributions to the company and I went along as her guest. A great trip was had by all, right on the heels of an outstanding SBC Reunion. Exponential fun!"

Catherine Taylor Moore enjoyed seeing everyone in May, but had to cut her reunion short to get back for their son's senior prom that Sat. night. Lee began his freshman year at Appalachian St. after a busy summer of national FBLA competitions. "We're hoping for another awesome football season!" Daughter Aynsley (6th grade) was busy last summer with various camps.

Cannie Chrysler Shafer sent all that was "fit to print": "Our Reunions only get better, and so do we all! Everyone keep taking those daily multi-vitamins and stay in touch! The Shafer family hit a milestone this spring in that "our baby" Blake graduated from Episcopal Academy as a member of the last class to graduate from EA's old campus. The tradition is that faculty are allowed to present their children their diploma, which we did without sobbing! Over the past 2 yrs. the school has built a whole new campus and is moving there to open in Sept. which is tremendously exciting. Blake is taking a "gap year" before going to Bates Coll. and he and his father are going to take 5 mo. to hike the entire Appalachian Trail! Francie finishes her last NCAA year rowing at Northeastern and then will take her last "co-op" job placement in Madrid, guess I'll have to visit!"

Cathy Mellow Goltermann is in disbelief that her twins Catherine and Christen

are seniors in h.s., but looks forward to the college thing, complete with a cruise in the Western Caribbean to celebrate their graduation in spring '09. Christen is a cheerleader and Catherine is a tennis player. Son Woody (Charles Woodson) will be a sophomore and loves tennis and soccer. Summer months still involve trips to Minocqua, WI, for lots of water activities, but this past summer must've been a bit busier with all 3 kids working now as counselors, rather than campers, at Burr-Oak Camp, the camp that Cathy used to go to and for which she is now the Assistant Camp Director. "It's fun to all be at camp together! Or at least I think so!" Cathy still teaches preschool 5 mornings a week during the school year and babysits for some of the children 3 afternoons a week. Fitting in tennis with her kids still rounds out her weeks, along with her husband of 26 yrs, Chris, who still manufactures shoe laces. Cathy manages to stay in touch with **Ann Key Lucas**, **Dudie Hiemenz Dileo**, **Vickie Saigh Valli**, and **Jenny Craig**.

As some of you may have seen in the last Spring-Summer edition of the Alumnae News, **Donna Mihalik Lee** has been a rather prolific writer of poetry, with her poems appearing in various poetry journals and books. Her book, *On the Altar of Greece*, was winner of the Gival Press Poetry award. She had a book signing scheduled in Princeton, NJ, at a Barnes and Noble (MarketFair) and was a featured reader at an event sponsored by the Greek-American Writer's Association at the Cornelia Street Café in NYC, both events in Sept. Some of her poems, "The New Filly" and "Control" appear in an anthology, *Cadence of Hooves: A Celebration of Horses* (Yarrow Mountain Press) that was just published. Donna's husband Oennis has also written some poetry, "Arpeggio" and "The Chip" which appeared in the summer '08 issue of the journal *Alimentum: The Literature of Food*. Horses and food...great combination! More poems are in the works with some are to be published by both in the near future. Stay tuned.

As for me, **Suzanne Stryker Ullrich**, life gets ever closer to the empty nest with Ned (20), a sophomore at Penn St. Alex (27) is working and pursuing a M.A. in computer software engineering at Penn St. and Andrew (24) continues to pursue theater while being our starving young artist. Life is good on the other side and the house stays a bit cleaner! Traveling with Rick keeps life interesting. Chemical engineering conferences are sometimes held in fun places, so we got to go to Montreal last spring. Business in China is developing for Rick, so I'm hoping to tag along on one of those trips (ah, the beauty of substitute teaching!) A great part of the traveling is that I frequently add a day to touch base with many classmates. **Lauren Place Young** and Chris got a fly-by visit from us last

winter when Rick had to be in Glens Falls, NY, and we always try to catch **Jean Beard Barden** for lunch when we are in NYC, most recently last Jun. I haven't been able to catch **Carey Johnson Fleming** since she moved to NY, but we'll keep working on that. I stay in touch with Marianne Hutton Felch '79, who has become a grandmother twice, loves it! Closer to home, I see **Julie Pfautz Bodenstab** and Mark for lunch and dinners. Meeting at Longwood Gardens where Julie works is a plus. I get to have a long walk either before or after, surrounded by gorgeous plantings!

Again, it was great to see everyone that was able to make it to Reunion last May and hope as your nests become less crowded and less complicated, you'll be able to look forward to attending our 35th. Time flies while life happens, so please stay in touch. *Class Notes can be submitted for any issue of the magazine, so send me news of any milestones or events anytime, by email or snail mail. I will submit them for the nearest next edition.

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Saralee Cowles Boteler sent news directly to the alumnae office: I was named to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Advisory Board for Historic Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. Woodlawn was the 1st property acquired by the National Trust in '51 and was once part of George Washington's Mt. Vernon. As a historic preservationist, I'm thrilled about SBC's plans for Tusculum. Other news includes my mother's diagnosis of early stage Alzheimer's last year, but at 87 she's happily ensconced at Brighton Gardens in Atlanta. Work, family, and preservation work are bright spots helping me cope with a rare form of arthritis, caused by auto-immune malfunction—painful, but I've a collection of very cool canes and walking sticks. Looking forward to our 30th (Nancy, Janie, and I'll be calling soon!).

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After nearly 3 yrs. in Waterloo, Belgium, **Margaret Robinson Tallmadge**, husband Dan, and son Douglas (12) moved back to Cincinnati, OH. She writes, "We tried to embrace the Belgian lifestyle and found much to recommend. Loved the food, wine, beer, and chocolates, I even took a class in Belgian chocolate making! Although sad to be leaving Belgium, we're happy to be in the States. Son Douglas begins 7th grade at Cincinnati Country Day School this fall. Husband Dan leads a measurement science group for Procter & Gamble. I'm trying to get unpacked and manage home renovations before beginning volunteer activities with school and church." Margaret was a member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, Waterloo, Belgium, congregation and Vestry whose members included ambassadors from the UK, Canada, and Ireland! Although a heady crowd, the most exciting part was the move to a new church home where the parish can provide a welcoming faith community to military families, the myriad of bureaucrats located in Brussels (EU, EC, NATO, etc...) and ex-pats (like the Tallmadge family) from English speaking countries. Margaret saw **Anne Grosvenor Evrard** during trips to Paris last year. Anne and husband Walter have started an antique and art boutique close to home in Versailles, called *Gallerie Grosvenor-Evrard* (I think). Margaret writes, "It's a couple minutes walk from the chateau (location, location, location!) and filled with elegant French furniture and great artwork, très chic."

Carol Hays Hunley is well in Pittsburgh, PA. She writes, "These are hectic times for me, and I'm sure I'm not alone as I manage increased career responsibilities in my new job as Chief Compliance Officer for PNC Bank, deal with 2 teenagers at home—Chrissy (17) who will be a senior and Tommy (13) who is going into 7th grade. Our oldest, Barbie, is a junior at George Washington in D.C., loves it. She's looking forward to the election and being right in the middle of things. I can't convince either of my girls that SBC is the school for them, even though Chrissy is an accomplished rider searching for a 2nd horse! I'm active in the Presbyterian Church, recently returning from 10 days in San Jose, CA, at the PCUSA General Assembly. I serve as Chair of Council in the Pittsburgh Presbytery, which has become quite a time commitment! Add to all of that the commitment that comes with aging and ailing parents—not enough hours in the day. I've been horrible at keeping in touch (it's not just you!) occasionally see **Vickie Archer** who lives a few miles away, but her life is as crazy as mine!"

Stephanie Skinner Daney lives in Avondale, PA, with husband Chris and 2 sons. Older son Drew (19) is going to Penn State in fall and Corey (17) will be a senior in St. Marks h. s. Stephanie writes, "We've lots of flowers in our yard, a big vegetable garden, birds, squirrels, foxes, and ground hogs! My boys are charming, good looking, ambitious, (similar in many ways to Kearsley's boys!), tall and athletic. I'm not working at the present time, I spend most of my time in the gym doing aerobics, pilates, group power, and step classes. When I'm not gardening with my husband, I'm doing the boys' laundry. Husband Chris is a CPA, also charming, very good looking, and patient! Chris rides his horse in nearby Unionville, PA, where he fox hunts. I keep in touch with **Mara Eckart and Kearsley Walsh**"

Hedley Sipe Gunther lives in Richmond, VA, works as a Nurse Practitioner in Hospice. She sees **Holly Silsand Ulrich**. "My lovely, wonderful daughter, Edie (13) keeps me hopping!" **Allison Roberts Greene** went to Washington, D.C. in Jun. to see **Theresa Blane Lange's** son graduate from h. s. She enjoyed getting to see Tressa's family. Later in the month, Allison, **Nan Dabbs Loftin**, **May Carter Barger**, and **Jane Terry Feley** did a weekend in Chicago. Allison writes, "We saw *Sex In the City* and learned how to be *fifty & fabulous* as our big year approaches. We had a great girl's weekend staying at our new condo *Greene Park* overlooking Grant Park and the Lake. We can see the "*Bean*" from our window! Carson and I look forward to friends-and-family weekends at the condo this summer and years to come."

May Carter Barger writes that she, daughter Josie, Allison Roberts Greene and her daughter Mackenzie are going to NYC for 4 days in Jul. May writes, "We'll show them all the touristy things and *none* of the haunts we enjoyed in our youth!" May is still involved in a variety of philanthropy, most recently and raising funds to refurbish a 10-yr-old 5,000 square foot community-built playground. In addition, she writes, "I've taken up oil painting and am working on my 5th painting. It's so fun. I encourage everyone to try! Husband Carroll and son Ben (11) are great; we're enjoying our new summer retreat on Lake Wylie, SC."

Elaine Arozarena is an International Senior Consultant in Human Capital and Leadership Solutions with experience in designing, servicing, and managing human capital related issues for global companies. She still lives between NYC and Madrid, Spain. Elaine and husband Carlos Montero de Alba have been married 13 yrs. and have no children. Elaine writes, "All my family is in Mexico City. So, if any classmates travel to Europe or NYC let me know, it'd be fun to see you all." Elaine recently had a great time in NYC with Jean Beard Barden '78 who works for a German Bank.

Sigy Carlen Veasey is hanging in Philly with Doug and sons Carlen (13), Campbell (13), and Wylie (11). Sigy writes, "I've taken up mountain bike racing and I'm editing a book (nerdy science stuff)."

Lelee Frank Hazard says hello to classmates and friends and that 50 is outstanding!

Susan Campbell is going to Iceland to ride in Aug. and to WY to ride in Sept. She has been going to NYC regularly to visit daughter Sarah (22).

Mary Kate Ferguson is a synchronized swimmer and will perform at the end of Jul. She writes, "I've been rehearsing all summer. It's fun and harder work than I expected. It keeps me in good shape!" Mary Kate sees **Eve Devine** and **Brendy Reiter Hantzes** for shopping and movies. **Kearsley Rand Walsh** always manages to "keep me laughing with her zany emails. I've expanded my bookkeeping service to bookkeeping and personal assistant services and I'm very busy. I'm still learning to play the guitar, loving my new house and dog Paco."

Quinne Fokes lives in San Anselmo, CA. She writes "I've owned and operated a successful advertising/design firm integrating print and web since '92; some clients have nationally known names and some are start ups. In the past 7 yrs, I've focused on acquiring more clients who are of a "sustainable" nature; it's working! I'm also creating commissioned fine art works of people and animals, schooling someone else's sale pony (featured on Youtube), and have been happily partnered for the past 2 yrs. He (Geordie) handles large commercial solar installations—while 1 of my clients is a solar client for whom I developed advertising and marketing collateral. I run, swim, struggle with Iyengar yoga, and read Celtic history. Let us know when you're in the SF Bay Area, because we'd love to see you!" Quinne's Web sites are www.quinnedesign.com and www.quinne.com.

Tania Voss Ryan lives in Alexandria, VA, with husband Stephen and children Andrew (19), attending Virginia Commonwealth U. and Meredith (16), attending West Potomac h. s. and playing lacrosse. Tania is the director of a preschool and 1 of her students is Gracie, daughter of Molly Finney Grenn '82. Tania sees **Eve Devine** regularly and they plan to celebrate their 50th together in Ireland. Tania writes, "**Barb Bush Cooper** isn't far away. She's still beautiful and happy. My biggest surprise is working with SBC graduate, Barbara Connor, at West Potomac h. s. I'm the PTA president and she's in charge of the college center. She too is remarkable." Tania also hears from **Deb Middleton** in Chicago.

John, Mary (14), Lizzie (11) and I are in still in Annapolis and we're going on vacation to the Adirondacks next week. I'm taking a Sweet Briar pennant to the Lake Placid Pub & Brewery because there are

school pennants hanging everywhere, but no SBC pennant. A good excuse for pub fare, yum. I hope to attend Mary Kate's synchronized swimming show next weekend. I've talked with **Liz Winslow Sweeney**, her house is coming along. She and Tom are enjoying golf and travel. Being class secretary has its benefits. I received a nice and newsy email from my senior year roommate, Gina Parish South '82. It brightened my day. Please stay in touch.

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Life is good, both the Chicago White Sox and The Chicago Cubs are in 1st place in their division. By the time this goes into print, there could potentially be a cross-town World Series! Thanks to all who wrote summer notes at the last minute. It's wonderful to read everyone's news.

Life is good for **Jennifer Hebb Daukas**, the 1st to respond to my last minute notes request, thank you! Jenny re-married 1 1/2 yrs. ago to Nick Daukas. Eldest daughter Molly will be a junior at Wheaton Coll., while daughter Sarah will be a senior in h.s. Always a Bum Chum and doing good for others, Jenny will walk in the 3-day breast cancer walk in Aug. in Boston, a grueling 60 mi. over 3 days.

Rolf Joyner DeShazor writes with big news: as empty nesters, she and her husband relocated to Winston-Salem, NC. Their grown children are all in NC and they tired of never seeing them, so her husband transferred with Wachovia, 5/1. Rolf plans to sell their house and will stay through the summer to help her firm transition her job while she searches for a new one. Youngest child Maggie finished her 1st year at VA Tech. Their 4 older children have graduated from college, are working and living on their own. Daughter Carrie ('04) is a manager for Nordstroms in Raleigh, NC, Christian is a geo-technical engineer in Raleigh, Will works for Norfolk Southern and is the Train Master of Charleston, SC, and Mary Kate is an accountant in Winston-Salem. No weddings or grandchildren, but Rolf is hopeful!

This summer **Sally Shapard Peek**, husband Mark and their 4 children have much to celebrate. Oldest child Anthony will attend Duke U. in fall; he was salutatorian for his class during graduation. 2 wks later, after the valedictorian lunch at the Governor's Mansion and all the celebrations, they learned that an error had occurred and Anthony was actually the valedictorian for his class! Their twin daughters Sara and Emily attend h. s. in fall. After the valedictorian debacle, Sally believes they'll be able to sign the twins up for any classes that they

want! Husband Mark completed law school last May and has opened a firm specializing in wills, trust, and estate cases near their home. Mark and 2nd son Bobby are going to Philmont this summer. The Peeks have a menagerie of pets with 3 birds, 2 dogs, 1 cat, and numerous fish.

Deborah Bowman no longer works for pay for the 2nd time this year. She still has plenty to do as she juggles children, braces, tennis, dog, and sitting on the board of the local Arboretum. Deborah is grateful that husband Jeffrey "still has a job." This summer the family will head to ME for vacation on a schooner cruise, which they hope will be as memorable as last summer's vacation they enjoyed on a dude ranch in CO.

What is **Jill Maple Fallon** up to? Jill started JFallon & Company, Inc., a strategic marketing communications and event firm a few yrs. ago. You can visit the Web site at www.jfallonandco.com. The career move was a big transition from the corporate world where Jill worked at The Gillette Company and Duracell for over 13 yrs. Her latest venture provides Jill flexibility allowing her to "keep her eyes on" sons Jack (14) and Harrison (10), both active in school and sports. Husband John is "the best salesman in the world" and works from a home-based office, also travels a bit—again the flexibility helps. The constant in their lives is Ethan, the "wonder dog," an 85 lb. black lab who is Jill's constant companion. Living in Wrentham, MA, the family enjoys great Boston sports—The Patriots, Red Sox and the Celtics!

Returning just in time from Germany from visiting her father for a few weeks with son Julius, **Monika Kaiser Neheim** writes that daughter Alexa graduated in the top 5% of her class and will attend the Frost School of Music at the U. of Miami in fall! Although she doesn't look it, Monika turned 50 and will postpone the celebration because of Alexa's graduation festivities. Monika, Richard, and the children will visit France and Germany in Aug.

Also returning in time to write was **Lee Watson Lombardy**. Lee, Warren, and daughter Georgia spent a fantastic week in CO. They toured the ancestral Pueblo ruins in Mesa Verde and made the obligatory visit to the Four Corners at Georgia's request. In the 90s one day and snowing the next morning, Lee was the only one who managed to get sick. The family is back on their summer schedule of work for the parents and summer camp for Georgia. They're taking a much-needed break from the Irish Dance circuit. Lee saw **Lucile Redmond Flournoy** and Tom in May at their 30th h.s. reunion in GA, which was quite a reality check. Lee reminds classmates visiting Orlando this summer to call.

Never a dull moment with **Jean von Schrader Bryan**, who is preparing to leave on an SBC alumnae trip to Romania and Ukraine with her lovely mother and dashing

father. Sister-in-law Sharon, SBC retiring president Betsy Muhlenfeld, Aileen Laing '57, Nanette Crowds '57, and several SBC graduates will also attend. The group will celebrate U.S. Independence Day at the American Embassy in Bucharest at a special 4th of Jul. dinner! They'll travel to Ukraine, cruising the river to Kiev on ship for 10 days. Jean writes that husband Peter is well, travels a lot for work. Son George received his learner's permit to drive, following big sister Betsy (18 in Feb). Jean's "baby," Anne, graduated from 8th grade and is enjoying the summer. Having 3 teenagers has been a learning experience for both parents. Jean enjoys her part-time position fund-raising for The Virginia Diner, an actual diner on Rt. 460 in Wakefield, VA since 1921. 10 yrs. ago the diner started a dept. to help schools raise funds. They provide the catalogs and order forms and the children and parents sell the delicious peanut products in their communities, raising money for schools. Always the consummate sales person, Jean successfully markets to schools. Rather than going with nationwide fund-raising companies, they partner with The Diner. You can visit their Web site www.virginiadiner.com. Jean and the family will get together for 5 days in Aug. with her parents, brothers, Jeff and Rick and their families.

Charlotte Prassel FitzGerald writes that in May, **Gracie Tredwell Schild**'s husband Georg was doing historical research in the D.C. area, so she and her son Christoph took time to visit Charlotte and the family. Christoph and Charlotte's son James are 5 days apart in age and enjoyed each other's company. In Aug. **Lollie Noble**'s cousin and Charlotte's longtime childhood friend, Molly Killian, are getting married in HI, so Lollie and Charlotte will travel together to attend the festivities.

She said that there is no exciting news to report, but **Gracie Tredwell Schild** writes from southern Germany where she, husband Georg, and son Christoph live. They enjoyed watching the German soccer team play the Turkish team in the semi-finals of the European Cup. Gracie allowed son Christoph (10) to stay up for at least the 1st half of the match as he had a German test the following day. While visiting **Charlotte Prassel FitzGerald** and family, Christoph enjoyed Charlotte's son James's indoor "batting cage," even though Christoph has never seen "real" baseball. A pro baseball team does play in Tuebingen "up the road," but what passes for pro baseball in Germany is "pretty laughable." Christoph enjoyed our 25th reunion and asked to attend our 30th, he'll be 14 then. Gracie proposes a conspiracy so that all the teenage children of our classmates attend Reunion to make it more fun for them.

Leisa Seay Sanford writes from Birmingham, AL, where she works in Radiation Oncology at the U. AL. She and

her team are working on several publications and a clinical trial. Leisa and Paul bought a house in the country where they enjoy the peace and quiet. They're busy doing extra landscaping, which their dog and 2 cats think is for their benefit and consider the garden their very own jungle!

Liz Hoskinson found time to send an update in between riding, teaching, writing marketing, copy- and proofreading, and writing feature articles on equestrian topics. Liz enjoys her book clubs and life in NYC while attempting not to add to the carbon footprint with all of running back 'n' forth between her endless commitments.

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No one could believe 25 yrs. at Reunion in May! Let me just say what a *fabulous* group of "forty somethings" we are! Even some of the class of '73 commented on how attractive we are as a class. Many were up on Saturday morning jogging, swimming, playing tennis etc. I, personally, couldn't get enough *pork* products in my body over the weekend! The beauty/serenity of the college reminded me how special (and spoiled) the SBC experience is. The continuity of the ground keeping, the faculty and campus staff is amazing! I was very touched when Melvin (an employee in food services for 27 yrs) approached me Sun. morning to say he remembered working with me at the Bistro years ago. '83 won the Participation Award for the Class celebrating their 25th–50th with an astounding 81%! We also elected new officers: Pres—**Wylie Jameson Small**, Reunion Giving Chair—**Blair Redd Barnes**, and Co-Secretaries—me (Class Notes et al), and **Kathy Barrett Baker** (Scrapbooks et al). Please see Kathy's notes below for more on Scrapbooks and how you can participate. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for all their hard work over the years! Although Reunion was wonderful there were too many missing faces (ex: FADS where are you?) All 4 officers are committed to reconnecting the class so that our 30th will be our best yet! My personal notes in brief: husband Chris and I have lived in Charlotte, NC, for almost 5 yrs. Stepson CJ (20) graduated from the Air Force Linguistics School in Monterrey, CA, where he studied Arabic for 2 yrs. I'm still the crazy cat lady, Chris currently allows me 6 babies (too many to name w/ages), but you can imagine our adventure driving cross country 5 yrs. ago from Phoenix with 9 cats in the back of our Jeep Cherokee! Aah, the good times...

Alice Cutting Laimbeer and family have been busy travelers this summer. To escape the VA heat the Laimbeer clan

vacated at their cottage in the 1000 island region of Canada. In Aug., Alice took her daughter Margot to France to celebrate her 16th birthday (4 nights Paris/ 5 nights Nice). Alice was curious to see how much SBC French she'd remember! Last Alice wrote that they were starting to leg up their horse for the fall foxhunting season.

Alicia Nygaard Formagus and Nace have a sophomore son who pledged SAE at Furman U. and a senior son at Parish Episcopal School of Dallas who hopes to play football for a Division 1 college. Alicia is busy with various organizations. She enjoys serving on the Public Works Board and helping to create new parks for her city. She's a member of a local educational/social club for women and an active garden club member. Aside from helping to manage her family's investments, Alicia looks forward to deciding what she's going to "do" for the rest of her life after her youngest graduates. She's considering fashion, telecommunications, or a master's degree. Alicia writes "only time will tell." She keeps up with **Adriana Garza Read, Myth Monnich Bayoud, and Ann Stuart Kling.**

Ann Sterling Hart and family live in FL despite the past hurricanes and current drought. Daughters Steph (20) will be a junior at Stetson U. in Deland, FL, majoring in Business and Spanish; Ali (17) is a good ice skater, a senior in h. s., and looking at colleges in Boston and D.C. Ann still rides horses, mostly Dressage. She's a Sec/ Manager/TD of Dressage Shows. To cope with her upcoming empty nest syndrome, Ann has 3 treasured dressage horses and 2 Shelties living in her backyard. Her husband has expanded his business over the years and has begun climbing mountains. He went climbing in Ecuador this past summer, but without Ann (looking down isn't a favorite for her). She stays in touch via email with **Robin Lawford** and **Liz Means Ittikhar** (who has been living in Chapel Hill with hubby and 2 kids for 4 yrs. and loves NC).

Ava Carmichael Eagles and family live in West Des Moines, IA, where they luckily survived the floods this summer! Husband Mitch is an h. s. teacher/part-time firefighter. Son Mitchell (16) is a senior in h. s. and starting college visits (hoping for Brown, Cornell, Harvard or MIT). Daughter Tatiana (14) shows horses (hunter/jumper) nationally. They've seen **Patty Sheehy Rogers** at shows. Tati did her first Grand Prix at 13 on sweet horse Samboni. Ava still rides her horse Bullseye (20)! Tali spent the summer "on her own" as a working student at Quail Run Horse Center, NE. Ava has her own practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner and is also on the clinical faculty for the Nurse Practitioner program at Graceland U. Ava can't believe it's been 25 yrs. since college!

Diana Duffy Waterman is excited about her daughter being a Vixen and in

her sophomore year at SBC! (Diana is re-attending vicariously.) Her son (21) is a senior at Seton Hall U. Husband Barry is great, still playing lacrosse—a lot! Diana was elected to her county Republican Central Committee. She's Pres of the local Republican Women's Club and County Coordinator for the McCain and local congressional candidate's campaigns. She has her hands full with upcoming elections. Diana works at their family real estate business managing all the financial and computer duties. She jokes that she's "really" using her mathematical physics degree and wonders if any of our classmates have a job relative to their major? Diana wrote that **Martha Riggs Lowry** sends regrets for missing Reunion. **Martha** and **Ron** still live in Winston-Salem, NC, and promise to make it to the next Reunion.

Elizabeth Taylor Seifert was thrilled to reconnect with so many at our reunion. She continues to love her work as Director of Public Policy for GlaxoSmithKline (despite the public outcry against that industry). Elizabeth and husband have 5 children: Jenny (17), Catherine (12), Sarah (11), Lydia (10) and Peter (8). If they don't keep Elizabeth busy enough, they recently added another member to the family, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel! She writes "it's a crazy but blessed time."

Jeanne Waters Chapman writes that even though she didn't attend SBC very long she still has fond memories. She loves life and time now as a homeschooling mother of 3 boys with her wonderful husband DuWayne. Jeanne still has horses and enjoys riding when she can.

Kathy Barrett Baker and **Jim** celebrated their 5th anniversary this year. Kathy finally decided it was time to see America's west. They travelled to Boulder, CO, the Grand Canyon, drove part of Route 66 and ended in Vegas! Kathy is developing an etiquette & manners Web site that will feature a weekly topical etiquette column. She's also busy doing a bit of event planning for the h. s. robot competitions "First Robotics" and volunteering at the Free Clinic of Goochland and the Goochland Friends and Family Services. Kathy writes that she's having a *blast* compiling 5th, 15th, & 25th Scrapbooks. She's anxious to start receiving photos of all kinds (Christmas cards, animals/pets, weddings, etc). You can send them via email to Kathy at sabotschool@cs.com, or by mail to 1451 Amber Lake Rd, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103. She can reproduce photos digitally and return them if classmates don't want to send them over the internet. Kathy can't wait to reconnect with everyone!

Lee Anne MacKenzie Chaskes' life is full of juggling activities, career, volunteer work at her sons' schools, and making sure that everyone arrives on time. This last task is her biggest chore since she still operates on Lee Anne Standard Time (L.A.S.T.). Son

Will (20) completed his 2nd yr. at West Point and is studying abroad in China; **Robert** (17) is a senior in h. s. applying to colleges, golfing whenever possible, and footloose with his new wheels; and **Adam** (7) is in 2nd grade and became a certified "beach bum" this summer. Husband **Rob** is busy with his law firm while **Lee Anne** somehow finds the time to be an Area Development Manager for NY fashion company, ETCETERA. Her territory is FL and she writes that the clothes are great. **Lee Anne** wants to thank the dedicated fabulous women in our class who made Reunion so wonderful.

Linda Hauptfuhrer and **Bill** live in Atlanta. They were married on the Spanish Steps in Rome in 2005 and honeymooned in Italy and St. Petersburg Russia. Since SBC, **Linda** spent most of her early professional career in the mental health system first as a therapist, later as a counselor after picking up her graduate degree. For 10 yrs. she was the executive director of a non-profit foundation in Atlanta. **Bill** is a consultant in IT and was a fighter pilot for the USAF (great stories). He still flies his own small plane and they take quick trips to the beach or wherever. **Linda** is considering her pilots license. They have 2 dogs, a loveable Rottweiler (with a replaced hip) who is obtaining her certifications to do therapy visits, and a happy-go-lucky yellow Lab. **Linda** does volunteer work, gardens, and loves to entertain.

Mandy Beauchemin Frohn has been living in FL since '04 with son Zachary (14) and husband of 22 yrs. **Eric**. She and **Eric** are proud that **Zack** is at the top of his class. In '00 **Mandy** received her M.A. in management from Albertus Magnus in New Haven, CT. She became a Practice Administrator for a 6 physician medical group in CT and currently is the business manager for a large cardiology group in FL. She's interested in EMR and practice management. They had a great vacation in WY this summer. She has been living a happy, quiet life (except for sitting in the eye of Hurricane Charley in '04)! **Mandy** hopes everyone is well and enjoying life and good health.

Margaret Enoch Jarvis, Dr. still works as medical director at Marworth Treatment Center, Waverly, PA. In fall she's getting certification in equine-assisted psychotherapy, which will include the family in the business. **Margaret** writes that both her "children" have 4 legs, fur and hooves! They make her very happy.

Mary Ware Gibson and **Brian** still live in Charlotte, NC. Their children are growing up too fast: sons **Taylor** (20), **Andrew** (17), and daughter **Claire** (15). **Mary** teaches 3rd grade at Charlotte Latin School. She's tried to retire twice, but can't stay away. She loved seeing everyone at Reunion and was impressed by the turnout, but hopes we can set even more records at our 30th. Go '83!

Mason Bennett Rummel is starting her 20th year at the Brown Foundation as the exec director and **Rick's** business just celebrated its 10 yr. anniversary. **Mason** enjoys seeing lots of alumnae at SBC events she's hosted over the years. **Bennett** is a junior at Case Western Reserve U. studying biomedical engineering; **Annie** is a sophomore at Butler U. studying vocal performance; and **Emma** is a junior at Sacred Heart Academy—the last one home (the home that is old and creaky, but almost finished). **Mason** says her kids are taller than she is. She keeps in touch with **Libby Glenn Fisher, Suzy Ireland Dupree, Mare Ware Gibson, Kathy Barrett Baker, Lea Sparks Bennett** and others. She loved seeing everyone at Reunion, including Profs!

Miriam Baker Morris is about to become an empty nester—an ugh/yea (bittersweet) combo for her. She refers to herself as one of the old moms with a sophomore in Coll. and a senior in h. s. She wanted to tell everyone that our 25th reunion was really fun! **Miriam** says she sees **CeCe Williams Hartline** (who looks the same!) and **Tracy Gatewood** (who looks great!) occasionally.

Nancy Cunningham Mauck and **Billy** love that their family is filled with "right brainers"! **Nancy** still paints portraits, full-time commissions, and finds the time to paint outdoor landscapes on location. **Caroline** (20), sophomore at Coll. of Charleston, is an accomplished singer-songwriter majoring in Studio Art focusing on figures and portraits (**Nancy** is thrilled). **Billy III** (18) is a senior in h. s. and is a wildman on mandolin and guitar (mostly bluegrass) and their primary math-whiz! Their baby, **Stuart** (15) is a sophomore in h. s. He also is an accomplished guitarist and according to his art teacher, a potter. Husband **Billy** (W&L undergrad '79 and W&L Law School grad) is a managing partner at Williams-Mullen in Richmond. Visit **Nancy's** website at www.mauckportraits.com.

Pam Weekes still lives in NY with her 2 bakeries: one on the upper Westside, the other in East Hampton. She was planning on launching a new online store in Sept., www.itsallaboutthecookie.com in addition to the existing www.levainbakery.com. **Pam** has been studying Italian for a couple years and hopes to get back to Italy this Oct. When she can get time away from working she enjoys swimming and yoga.

Polly Parker McClure and her husband still live outside Cleveland, OH. Their 2 children keep them busy with sports, activities, and friends. Daughter **Kathryn** is in 8th grade and their son is in 3rd. **Polly** writes that life is busy, but good. She's sorry she missed Reunion.

Virginia Claus Buyck and family enjoyed a busy summer. It began with Virginia and youngest daughter **Brooks** visiting Wellesley, MA, for a couple weeks

where Brooks fell off a horse at riding camp and broke her arm. Virginia's 2 oldest (Elizabeth & Mark) had a real adventure traveling to Canada and back. The hot months were spent primarily at the beach, but somewhere in there they managed a trip to Paris! Virginia wants to give 2 awards from our reunion, one to Miriam for "Best Dressed" and one to Lee Anne for "Best Porcelain Necklace" (this was late Sat. night).

Wylie Jameson Small and **Stuart** live in Rochester, NY. They're busy with son Rudy (14) who is a nationally ranked squash player! They're constantly traveling up and down the East Coast for tournaments. The family has 2 Jack Russell Terriers that run their lives, Maris (11) and Peyton (1—named after Peyton Manning, *go colts!*) Wylie plays lots of golf and tennis, still works part time as a computer training consultant, and serves on a couple boards in Rochester. Wylie wrote how *great* it was to see everyone at Reunion and can't wait for the 30th so she can get her fill of more of "That Betty Crap"!

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Kaky Connors Cassada submitted news to the Alumnae Office: Our daughter Jocelyn is a freshman at Washington and Lee U. this fall. Couldn't interest her in SBC! My parents, Tom and Jocelyn Palmer Connors '62, live in Lynchburg and are thrilled to have their granddaughter close by. Son Stuart is an 8th grader at Charlotte Country Day.

1987

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Margaretta Colangelo sent notes to the Alumnae Office: Join the Sweet Briar Community on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is a social and business online networking tool that

helps people stay connected. We have a Sweet Briar alumnae/community group on the LinkedIn networking site. This group is open to all members of the Sweet Briar community. You may join the group if you are: a current Sweet Briar student, a Sweet Briar alumna, a current or former faculty or staff member, or the parent of a current or former student. Before you can join the Sweet Briar LinkedIn group, you must be a member of LinkedIn. If you'd like to join the Sweet Briar group, type in this link and you will be prompted to join LinkedIn if you are not already a member: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/>

1988

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Our 20th Reunion was terrific. We certainly enjoyed our time together! **Mariam Kahn** said the campus looked gorgeous and it was a great time to commune with nature. Indeed it was! She said it was fun that our class took over the entire 2nd floor of Glass. We certainly did! It was a terrific weekend filled with reminiscing, shopping at the book store, hayrides and walks around campus, horseback riding, hanging out at the boat house, and late-night partying, bell ringing, and spray-painting of the rock and hitching post. Go '88!

We're grateful to **Tina Savage Lytle**, **Carey Grant Milden**, **Stephanie Wilt Smirnov**, and **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli** for their work in getting us together. **Katie Keogh Weidner** and **Kathryn Ingham Reese** will be our new co-presidents, and **I (Maia Free Jalenak)** will be the class secretary. Hats off to Tina for being a great president and Kelly for being a terrific secretary for so many years. Here's to Tina and Kelly, Holla, Holla, Holla!

Kathryn Ingham Reese did a marvelous job preparing lyrics to *Cheesebetty in Paradise* and awesome pink and green t-shirts to wear for our class skit. The shirts were emblazoned on the back with "Mornin' Sugar" (the daily breakfast greeting we used to receive from Addie, who worked at Prothro for years). We were quite a spectacle! The dining hall staff even found a recipe for Cheese Betty and resurrected it for breakfast during Reunion. **Beth Bennett Haga** brought super-fun pink and green party cups imprinted with SBC traditions.

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov set up a Facebook-site for our class for Reunion. Currently we have 46 classmates on the site, lots of great pictures, and 2 Reunion videos. If you're not signed up for the site yet, it's fun and a neat way to catch up with friends. Stephanie and husband Max have been busy with work, fixing up their week-

end place in the Catskills, and getting son Terry (5) ready for summer camp.

Mary Halliday Shaw had a blast at Reunion, enjoyed seeing everybody. She and **Kathryn Ingham Reese** were show-stopping with their incredible dance moves on stage with King Cadillac during the Sat. night party. Mary reported that she and Kathryn may start new careers on the road with the band as back-up singers. (If you weren't there, check out the video of Mary and Kathryn on our class Facebook-site!)

Staci Stockburger Fritzges was sorry to miss Reunion, but loved seeing all of the pictures on Facebook. She teaches at U. of Central AR in the dept. of speech and public relations.

The award for farthest-traveled to attend Reunion goes to **Paige Shiller Okun** who came from Singapore. She is CEO of Caring for Cambodia, a non-profit organization that fully funds and operates 4 schools with 3,000 students. Paige has 2 boys, Bennett (8) and Mason (5 1/2). Her husband Steven works for UPS.

2nd place goes to **Katharine "Kem" McCoid Roth** who traveled from London with husband Chris. Kem and Chris have 3 children: daughters Edie (5) and Molly (3) love to dote on brother Henry (1) and have plenty of activities to keep everybody busy. They love London, especially in summer. She and Chris went to Wimbledon and took a weekend trip in Northern Ireland in mid-Jun. to take advantage of the longest day of the year. Kem writes that one of the greatest things about living in London is traveling to other places. She had a nice visit in Jul. from **Beth Bennett Haga** and her family who were visiting London. As mother of 3 little ones, Kem is a terrific bedtime storyteller. She mesmerized my wild daughter Nina (9) and **Kate Cole Hite's** daughter Mackenzie (9) at Reunion with an intriguing story about Tudor royalty.

Kelly Meredith Iacobelli, husband John (whom we called "St. John," such a good sport), and daughter Kathleen (5) enjoyed Reunion. She writes, "It was fabulous seeing old friends. We laughed and played—we just don't bounce back as quickly as we did 20 yrs. ago." She's still director of marketing for a warranty company and busy with volunteer activities and delivering Kathleen to gymnastics, swimming, and soccer. She encourages everyone to consider coming back to campus for Homecoming when the campus is alive with students, sporting events, and old friends.

Katie Keogh Weidner writes that she enjoyed being back at SBC and seeing everyone and that it took a few days to recover from the late nights in Glass and laughing so hard. She discovered that she and **Carey Grant Milden** live very close to each other in PA. They're planning a mini-reunion with their husbands along with Kathryn Ingham Reese and her husband, who live nearby. Katie hopes Carey's

husband Jamie will wear his "sweet pants" again! (Note: Jamie Milden was definitely "Mr. Sweet Briar" in the ensemble he wore to Reunion: pink and green Lilly Pulitzer pants, coordinating tie and green sports coat. Carey looked cute, too, in her Lilly dress.) Katie has a busy summer planned. They have 6 children, all coming and going at various times. Her boys (15, 13) are fanatic lacrosse players. Her daughter (9) loves horseback riding. Katie says that she's even started riding again, although she could hardly walk after the first time. As presidents, Katie and Kathryn Ingham Reese will plan our 25th reunion. Katie says "You can count on an awesome 25th and everyone better come!!"

Kate Cole Hite lives in MD and reports that her family is busy with normal summertime routines (swim team, golf, tennis, and camps), but also with triathlon training. She and husband Tucker have found a new way to work out and have fun doing it. She completed her 1st half-marathon the 1st week of Jun. She writes, "I honestly don't know how people do that. It was so boring to run for that long!"

Anne Powell was sorry to have missed Reunion. She's busy as a tax manager at a Henry Schein corporate division near Wytheville, VA, and working her family farms.

Jennifer Pedrick, who has been an Episcopal priest for nearly 10 yrs, is the rector of Church of the Epiphany in East Providence, RI. She's on sabbatical and recently returned from a 40-day pilgrimage walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Beginning in France, Jennifer and husband Michael DeAngelo walked nearly 500 mi. along the route of this ancient pilgrimage. For the next 3 mo., Jennifer, her husband, and daughters Lydia (11) and Isabella (7) will live in Costa Rica. Michael is a science teacher and has received a grant to travel and study. She plans to write and enjoy her family. Their time in Costa Rica will include exploring volcanoes and ecosystems.

Nancy McDonald lives in Cary, NC, and is beginning her 4th year of teaching 3rd grade at a year-round school. She built a house and enjoys the change in weather from the northeast. She has started playing golf which is the "thing" to do every free moment in NC.

Lee Ann Conard is a pediatrician specializing in teens and works at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She wrote that although she didn't make it to Reunion, she heard it was great. She recently went to Greensboro, NC, for a meeting and got to spend time with **Virginia Bennett Leeds** and her little girl (future SBC student?) Andrea.

Susan Detweiler is home in the Tetons (Jackson Hole) of WY, guiding climbers for Exum Mtn. Guides. This year has been a transition for her. She moved from her job in Antarctica, but thinks she'll in all

likelihood return to the ice in a somewhat different capacity, more field-based. Her friend Larry isn't returning to McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Given that he's no more willing to leave AK than Susan is the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, they have no specific plans to be together anytime soon despite still being close friends and getting along well. She writes that it was a great 4 yrs. and she is at peace with it all. Susan and **Jennifer Roach Childs** keep in touch and plan to return to SBC for the 25th reunion.

Kristen Petersen Randolph's 3 boys Ranny (12), Christian (8), and Peyton (5) keep her busy. She and husband Ran have fun coaching them. Ran coaches lacrosse and she coaches basketball. (She writes: "I learned it all from my days playing basketball as an SBC vixen.") She stays busy as a realtor and doing some personal training which she hopes to do more of when Peyton is in school full time. She says if any of the SBC girls ever come through VA Beach, she hopes they'll look her and Ran up.

Jeanne Rovics Mexic wrote from the beach at Duck, NC, where she was vacationing with son Blake (10) along with Kristen Randolph and her boys. Jeanne just got back from a trip to Puerto Rico. She works for Hilton, which sends her traveling world-wide. She, husband Scott, and family had an amazing safari vacation in Kenya and Tanzania with a post-trip to Dubai. Their next great adventure—Egypt.

Nici Fraley Pechman is happily remarried. She and husband Scott celebrated their 1st anniversary a few months ago. She lives in Birmingham and is busy with her 3 kids: her son (9), stepson (9), and daughter (6). She loves being a stay-at-home mom and new wife and has had fun taking art and pottery classes.

Eden Zuckerman Brown writes: "Life is great for me and Bill. He's now the president of Argosy U./Washington D.C. campus. I'm closing my psychology practice this summer and will be in film school full time, as well as working on independent film projects. I'm thrilled with my new adventure. I have more project ideas than I'll ever have time to create, but that's part of the fun!"

Suzanna Reed Neil was unable to go to Reunion because she was getting married for the 2nd time to Cary Neil. After their honeymoon to Mexico, they came home to Birmingham to their 4 children: Isabel (13), Andrew (11), her stepdaughter Katherine (10) and Sally Reed (8). She says "Life is busy but I'm happy! I'd love to hear from SBC friends." Her e-mail is creveling3@aol.com.

Kelly Brown Varga and family are headed back to Germany for summer. It has been a year since they moved back to the U.S. She, husband Geoff, and children Jack (12), Emery (10), Owen (4) along with assorted dogs and cats adjusted well to

the much faster pace of NJ. She's working part time teaching art to children at a local studio, as well as pursuing a grad. degree in art therapy. She keeps in touch with Melanie Nelson Gibbons '87, and **Kim Belcher Harvey**. Melanie and husband Petch live in D.C. with their children Maggie (4) and Jack (1). Kim is in NC bringing up her 3 boys. They're brilliant musicians, A.J. on classical guitar, Killian on violin, and Carter on Cello. A.J. attends the NC School of the Performing Arts, and Killian is in the NC Youth Orchestra.

Caroline Corum enjoyed Reunion. She traveled from San Francisco where she works at Silicon Valley Bank in commercial banking. She'd love to connect with other alumnae through Linked In or e-mail. She keeps in touch with **Rapti de Silva** who is a professor at CSU Chico where she teaches math. **Cecilia Moore** (who teaches religious studies at the U. of Dayton, OH) recently came to CA and they had a mini-reunion in San Francisco and Chico. They had a great visit and picked bushels of Bing cherries from Rapti's cherry trees. Caroline is encouraging those who didn't make it to this Reunion to attend #25. She's planning an adults only road trip to explore CA with friends. She recently "survived" a trip to Disney World with family, including 2 preschool nephews and thanks **Beth Stookey Sargent** for the loan of their Disney book. In her "spare" time, she serves as treasurer and webmaster of the local DAR chapter.

It's been fun getting updates from everybody. My husband Jay (H-SC '87) and I, **Maia Free Jalenak**, had a terrific time at Reunion. We live in Baton Rouge and are celebrating our 19th anniversary this month. We're "home alone" while kids, Jack (15) and Nina (9) are away at camp. I'm working part time these days for a museum where I previously worked full time for 13 yrs. as curator. I enjoy playing tennis and am excited about a trip we're planning to watch the U.S. Open in NY in Aug. Thanks to everybody who sent me news. Take care everyone.

1989

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Thanks to everyone who wrote notes. I receive a lot of return email addresses so please make sure you update Sweet Briar

with your email address so we can hear from more of you. We have 3 new entries in this time, at least while I've been doing the notes so thank you for writing. If you want to submit, please do so at jean_benning@hotmail.com. I'm happy to submit your email address to Sweet Briar if you'd like them to have the update. Enjoy reading!

Charlotte Cantrell Doran writes: I live in Washington D.C. with husband James and son Alexander (2). We're expecting our 2nd child in Jul. I teach English to foreign diplomats in the metropolitan area.

LuAnn Hunt still works for the City of Lynchburg as the Communications & Marketing Coordinator. She's the proud grandmother of Halle (4) and Josh (2). Recently, LuAnn started a photography business, LuAnn Hunt Photography, and will be taking wedding photos and other events and activities as requested. This is part time for now, but who knows, she may be discovered soon and it'll become full time. Search for some of her photos on this link: www.picasaweb.google.com.

Mary Wiley writes: I still live in Northern CA. Busy with my work as a clinical psychologist in private practice and loving the San Francisco/Bay Area. Get in touch www.drmarywiley.com.

Joan Armstrong Abington still lives north of Chicago with Bill and 5 kids: Kennedy(11), Blair(9), Sawyer(7), Beckett(5), & Hudson(3).

Cheryl Bishop Gilman writes: We're enjoying a house full of 3 teenagers and 2 elementary school age children. Jenna finished her freshman year at Broadneck h. s., Luke graduated 8th grade from Annapolis Area Christain School, he'll join Jenna at BHS this fall, JEB moves onto 7th grade, Levi will be in 3rd, and Chaela in 1st in fall. Between boys playing football in fall, basketball in winter and lacrosse in spring, we're busy year round! Jenna ran cross country and indoor track, then switched to gymnastics this spring. Chaela performed in her 1st ballet recital the end of May. She loved "being on stage"! Perhaps summer will slow down a bit...To celebrate my 40th birthday, Scott and I flew to Boston to watch the women's olympic marathon trials and I ran the Boston marathon the following day—a lot of fun as well as a tough course! With the kids becoming more independent I've been able to do more birth doula work over the last few years. I've now attended over 50 births in the MD/D.C./VA area! It has been a great learning experience to attend successful VBACs, hospital, birth center births! The women that I've had the privilege to support during childbirth have been amazing! Maybe midwifery school is on the horizon in the next few years?! I keep in touch with **Beth Bowen**, **Staige Grymes**, **Chris Anne Spehar**, **Irfant Kiralti Latimer** and **Cathy Goslaw '91**. Now if I only had more time in the day to ride horses more often, life would be perfect!

Amy Donnelly Tobik: Steve and I have lived in Winter Springs, FL, for the past 10 yrs. My husband still works for Siemens and plans to retire from the Navy as a commander this year. Our daughters Katie (12) and Emily (9) keep us busy between swim team, tennis, soccer, and violin lessons. I'm entering year 8 as Katie's Girl Scout Leader and number 5 for Emily, an activity that gives us a chance to play together. I'm the main feature writer for 2 local newspapers, which allows me to work from home. I'm sad to report that my mother died suddenly last year.

Beth Pesiri Solomita writes: baby #3 due 7/31, apparently it's a girl. Grace (4) and Jack (2) are excited for their baby sister to arrive. Rudy (dog, 2) is looking forward to having me home for 16 wks. I'm still admissions manager for a preschool in Stamford where Grace attends. I enjoy having her in the same location, a nice treat. We still living in Stamford, CT.

Elizabeth Mason Horsley writes: I'm still in Richmond practicing fiduciary and business litigation at Williams Mullen. My children, Jack and Will, are both at St. Christopher's School, where I often run into several other SBC alumnae and their boys.

Lea Harvey writes: After spending 3 yrs. as VP for Development at BoardSource, I've accepted the position as VP for Development at Resources for the Future (RFF), an organization focused on improving environmental policymaking worldwide. I'll start there in late Jul. and am excited to return to the environmental community. (Prior to BoardSource, I was at World Wildlife Fund for 8 yrs.) My partner, Kiki, and I (and our 3 dogs) will be off to the Adirondacks for 2 wks, where we'll spend my 40th birthday (yikes), and I'll hopefully catch my breath before starting the new job. We've got grand plans for hiking, fly fishing, and paddling. On another front, I'm getting frequent updates from my younger brother, Christopher, in Iraq. He's a lieutenant commander in the Navy and is deployed in Al Anbar province through 1/09. I saw Debbie Lee. She's living in Alexandria, VA, and is a regular visitor to our front porch for weekend wine tasting and grilling.

Carol Krajewski Hajas, a new entry, writes: We welcomed our 4th child, 2nd girl on 1/15. Otherwise same old same old here on our beautiful farm: chores, children, and whatnot. As a 5-yr. Master Gardener it's time to add the tree care advisor certification, which should only take a year or so. The immediate plan is to be back into my breeches (just because they zip absolutely does not mean that they fit.) and on the mares for a least 1 show this summer. MN isn't exactly a hotbed of dressage activity, but showing is such great fun. Very best regards to all!

Amy Jane Kroeger submits: I've successfully relocated to St. Louis to start my residency in Emergency Medicine at

Washington U./Barnes Jewish Hospital/ St. Louis Children's Hospital. Went to Greece for my 40th birthday; it was wonderful. The past year I've been doing research at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. My work was accepted at our national conference and working there was quite a rewarding experience. If anyone is near St. Louis give me a call or send me an e-mail and we'll get together. *amos3678@yahoo.com* or 717-372-9655.

Julie Brooks wrote: Latest news is that I've bought a house in Miami Springs with a jungle in the backyard. I'll be spending the next several months hacking through it, and walking my new dog that I've adopted, a Boxer (3).

Victoria Canter writes: Relocated to Hong Kong in Mar. with husband Todd and daughter Chloe (2) after Todd accepted the CEO position with his firm. Unfortunately, that required leaving my job as an immigration attorney with Catholic Charities, which I adored and still miss. Fortunately, I was welcomed to HK by another SBC grad, Holly Aitken '93 who made the transition much easier. She is the proud mommy of Kenneth (2) and newborn Henry. We enjoy going to the beach together and talking about our days at SBC (although we didn't know each other then). Would love to hear from friends from the classes of '90 and '92!

Jacqueline Haltom Hanephin writes: I used to go by Guppy. My name now is Jacqueline Hanephin. I have a girl and 3 boys: Stacy (14), Nathan (12), and Simon (3), and Jack (1). We have 2 dogs—a Dalmation (Domino) and a red Doberman (Brandy)—a blue and gold macaw, and a bearded dragon. I've been a happy house wife for 15 yrs. Husband Sam has 2 small businesses and has worked for Neumayer Equipment Co for 23 yrs.

Hello from **Cata McDonald-Fernandez**. I live in Moscow, Russia with my husband and 3 small children. I expected my family to all be speaking Spanish at this point, but instead I'm answered in Russian by my daughters (5, 3 ½)! Baby Miles just says "Hi" and "No." Summers here are great, winters are long and dark. I miss hearing about **Lara Fieve**, **Anne Maitrepierre**, and **Kirstie Rothauge**.

Chris Carriere Zazulak writes: I'm good. The boys are keeping me busy as well as my new job. I'm working for a small law firm here in New Orleans on hurricane cases. I saw Squiffy and Joie in VA last year when we all got together in Williamsburg with our children. **Amy Kroeger** kept me busy when she came to visit for a weekend and broke her ankle. In Sept., I had a great time visiting with **Sarah Andres** at **Meg Caulk**'s wedding. I had fun with Meg and her husband Karl when they came to visit New Orleans in Apr.

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Brice McRae Tunison still works part time for a plastic surgeon, loves it! She watches lots of surgeries. She says, "the best are tummy tucks! *Ouch* is all I have to say about that! If you're thinking about plastic surgery, come see me!" Laura (11) is about to head to m. s.! Kate is finishing up 4th grade and Will is winding up his 2nd grade year. They're planning a driving trip out west and will end up at the Grand Canyon. She's still riding horses. The girls play soccer on a travel team; Will plays baseball. Horses have taken a back seat somewhat until summer. Brice is working on her home-bred dapple gray (4). She's wonderful. Brice and Jim are playing with the idea of building a house, so maybe by this time next year they'll have broken ground on that! Jim is working hard and playing hard! He went to Scotland to play golf this past fall and spent a week up at the Masters! She sends her love to all and can't wait to get together again!

Signee Hoffman Swartley and Curt had a daughter last year, Piper Anne, born 3/07. She keeps them busy. She's just now growing some hair, not red, sorry. Curt & Signee went to Zermatt, Switzerland for a ski week. The baby stayed with grandma. Signee's parents are celebrating 50 yrs. this year, so they're all going to Barcelona and Italy this May to celebrate.

Gwen Fisher Glew's boys, Finn (5) and Duncan (7) are thriving. Husband Rich has decided to take a break from work and stay home to care for the boys for at least a year, which makes life so much easier. As of Jul., she'll be on the faculty at the U.WA and Children's Hospital of Seattle doing academic pediatrics. They've had the pleasure of visiting Edie Rue Scholin '89, her 2 beautiful boys Forrest and Oscar, and her husband Chris. She's been in touch with **Kathryn Johnson Glass** by email and phone.

Megan Read Lindberg, husband Eric and their children are settled into their new house, finished last year. They're in the process of building a barn where they can house their over-abundance of animals (4 horses, 4 dogs, 2 cats). Needless to say they're raising animal-loving, chaos-accustomed children: Sutter (10), Tessa (9), and Logan (4). Sutter is playing baseball, running track, competing in tae-kwon-do, and working on piano. Tessa is involved in the same activities, but horseback riding takes the place of baseball. Her dream has come true: having a daughter to ride with! She has been trying to make Logan her little cowboy, decorated his room cowboy, taken him to cattle brandings, put him on horses, but it looks like he's going to be a "garbage

collector, or a fireman"! Eric is busy at work. He's in a family-run grocery business, Grocery Outlet. He enjoys it and is incredibly dedicated, which means long hours! She thinks about her incredible college experience frequently and wonders how and where everyone is. If anyone is planning a trip out to Northern CA, she'd love to have you stay! She sends her best.

Kim Hatter Ellis still resides in Nellysford, VA (near Wintergreen). She and her husband have been married 15 yrs. They have 1 child, Danny (13), who is in 7th grade and plays 3 sports (baseball, basketball, and football). He's looking forward to the summer and no homework. Kim feels like she's back in school helping with homework, papers, and projects. He keeps them busy with sports and having his friends over about every weekend. They have 2 Jack Russell terriers, Sadie and Scooter. Kim is active in the PTA and volunteer work. They entertain all summer at home and would love to have classmates stop by.

Nandini "Sett" Ghosh Dastidar went for a wonderful holiday with her mother to Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand. She says that the world has lost a lot of the corals due to the tsunami. Before the tsunami the same place was breath-taking and unforgettable. She had gone to Andaman Islands (part of India and same latitude as Phuket located on the Indian Ocean).

Dawn Monahan Nelson enjoyed celebrating her godson Miller Farley's first communion this spring. She looks forward to summer, no homework (!) and lots of fun outings to Martha's Vineyard and Pawley's Island. Libby and Scotch have camps to look forward to as well.

Anna Mangus says that after having left SBC (a place where she made great friends and memories) she ventured out into the world for a semester abroad on the "semester at sea" program. Upon returning, she continued her undergrad at U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, where she met husband Britt. They moved up to Seattle after graduating and have been there ever since. Britt is the athletic director at a small private m./n. s. and she stays home with kiddos Corbin(8) and Millie(4). She still gets the SBC magazine and has a lot of fun catching up on the info she reads on all those she remembers.

Suzanne Petrie Liscouski and Bob had their first baby 6/11/08, a boy named Robert Judson! "Despite the sleepless nights, I'm thrilled to be a mom. I now work part time as Director for International Counternarcotics Strategy for Northrop Grumman Intelligence Group and run our 35 acre horse farm. I can't wait to get our little buckaroo up on a horse! **Carey Bates** and **Kimberley McGraw Euston** '92 attended my baby shower. I also had a great surprise high tea at the Four Seasons to celebrate the baby with **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** and

Katherine Cooper Hoffman. It's been a great time to catch up with SBC grads!"

Cathi Goslau, who now goes by **Tavi Rainold**, is doing great! Son AJ is 6 mo. old now. She and her husband still live in Silverthorne, CO. She talks to **Brice McRae**, **Michelle Kolaska**, **Cheryl Bishop**, **Jill Randles**, **Elizabeth Conyers**, **Wendy Stevenson**, **Holly Duello**, and **Amy Bingaman**. Please note her email: *Tavi@coloradokitforce.com*. She is a stay-at-home mom running her own property management company while also selling VEMMA. She started riding horses again and will hopefully show jumpers this summer. She's also adopting a horse from a rescue. Her family will travel to HI this fall for a vacation. She'd love to hear from **Tammy Fein**, **Coleen Kelly**, **Lisa Rabasca**, **Kerstin Chrisman**, **Nikki Collelo**, **Stephanie Berger**, **Lorrain Haire**, and **Theresa Jones**. Hope everyone is well!

Margo Ten Broeck Calkin is still patiently waiting to adopt her 2nd baby. There are a lot of politics in China causing the wait to be painfully long. She enjoys staying home with son Lian (3), but realizes going back to work is in the near future. Starting a new career in health promotion management will be a challenge, especially at 40.

Carey Bates started a new position as a writer with Muehlstein/Ravago in Norwalk, CT. She is currently looking for a house in the area, so if anyone has a real estate deal, please contact her. She's planning on rejoining the Troupers Light Opera again in fall and is playing in a golf league. Total weight loss for Carey is over 50 lbs, aiming for 25 more. Carey saw Amber in Richmond in Jan., and more recently, **Suzanne Petrie Liscouski** who is expecting her 1st child this summer. Carey spent time with Suzanne and Kimberly McGraw '92 at Suzanne's shower in Connecticut in 4/08.

Joan Dabney Clickner and family decided to stay in Charlottesville after contemplating a move to nearby Staunton, but have been doing some medium-sized renovations and rearrangements to make the house more comfortable. The little house keeps accommodating their growing numbers, as Ian (6) puts it, "There are 7 mammals living in our house now!" They added a boxer puppy to the mix, who's super bouncy and fun. Tiling a kitchen with a baby (1) and puppy is maybe not something Joan would recommend. Joan sees her parents (don't forget Professor Ross Dabney!) regularly on the Eastern Shore of MD, who keep busy with yard work, fixing things around the farm, church stuff, various getaways, and plenty of visitors. They're still immersed in Labradors too. Ian's finished 1st grade with all sorts of awards, and Georgia is celebrating her 1st tooth and 1st steps at nearly 15 mo. Joan spends more time working for her husband these days (he has his own business, acupuncture practice) doing the

books—not poking people with needles! She keeps in touch with **Erin Katz**, who's now a partner in a busy urology practice in Clearwater, FL.

Lorraine Haire Greer and Tom moved back to the river house and are working to restore the 1700s colonial home. It's fun, but slow work and expensive. They're planning a beach trip with **Jen Kemper Wallis**, **Stephanie Berger**, and **Chris Coleman** (HSC '91) the 1st week in Jun. They're thrilled that they're doing this yearly tradition of vacationing together. Lorraine is taking some time off from work to be a stay-at-home mom. She loves it, and Alex is growing by leaps and bounds. Each day brings a new adventure. She's hoping to return to teaching or administration in fall.

Karen Hott has had a tumultuous, busy, and professionally amazing year. Her 4-legged babies have been patient to say the least. Marcel is 13, Audrey is 4, and Charlotte the Pug is 3. Her design work has been wonderful and she has had the opportunity to work with great clients. Her work has been published numerous times including a feature in Atlanta Magazine's Home and one in Better Homes & Gardens Remodel. She was honored with a Georgia Chapter ASID Award for her work on a home in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood in Atlanta. She also keeps up with many SBC Alumnae, our classmates **Stephanie Frost-Rocha** and **Ann Keating Ashley**, and **Lisa LaLonde Hamaker** '93 and **Julie Brooks** '90. In Atlanta, she sees **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli** '88, **Caroline Newton Smith** '92, **Keeley Sullivan Jurgoven** '92, **Norah Wagner Smith** '93, **Caitlin Sunby Russell** '93, and **Lucia Marks Kern** '93. They try to get together often and always have fun. For the past 2 yrs, she's been involved with the Decorators' Showhouse to benefit the Atlanta Symphony via **Camille Williams Yow** '55. Camille is wonderful and this year was the Honorary Chair of the Showhouse. Karen feels fortunate to have such a great network in Atlanta! Please note her new email: karen@karenhottinteriors.com.

Nicole Gautier was in France for several weeks. The 1st week was for work (she does part-time consulting) and the 2nd week, husband Randy and daughter Chloe (3) came for a pleasure trip. They stayed in Paris for several days and then went to the Alps to visit family. They have a busy summer with a trip to Tahiti for her 40th (yikes!), a trip to the lake in Tulsa with her sister in law and family, and then they're spending the month of Aug. in Provence, France. Since Chloe's 1st language is French, it's great for her language skills, and Nicole loves exposing her to the culture. Also, **Claire Batson** (Stapleton) and her husband are planning a long weekend in San Francisco during the month of Jul. If anyone is in the Bay Area, Nicole would love to visit.

Kristin Walberg Urbach served as President of the Junior League of

Washington (JLW) for the 07/08 year. During her term, the JLW provided 2,000 new books, 8 computers, and 1 printer including a library refurbishment for the largest m. s. in Southeast D.C.; partnered with the Library of Congress by staffing and managing the National Book Festival for 120,000 participants; and partnered with GWU Hospital to increase the scope and size of their Kids in the Kitchen initiative to increase awareness of childhood obesity and provide an interactive health fair style event. She appeared on 5 TV shows and 2 radio shows including WASHFM's, "Women of Vision." She has truly enjoyed working with a wonderful, talented and dynamic group of women and stated 2 former JLW Presidents are also SBC alumnae! She enjoys spending time with her girls, **Kelsey** (7) and **Kallie** (6) and looks forward to cheering her husband on at some of his upcoming triathalons.

Allene "Allie" Doucette's big news is the homecoming of her husband Billy after 7 mo. of deployment on 6/2/08. She was excited and looking forward to his arrival. They're going to try and travel back east this summer. **Alastair** (2) is growing up too fast. They're still in San Diego and will remain there for at least another year. She misses the winter, but you can't beat the sunny weather in CA.

Kathryn Hagist Yunk feels like '08 has been the year of SBC mini-reunions. In Feb., **Stephanie Pratt McKinney** braved the weather and visited in Milwaukee. In May, she traveled to San Francisco on business and had dinner with **Charlotte Sanders** who's pregnant with baby number 1 and due in Jun. Over Memorial Day weekend, she visited **Suzanne Petrie Liscouski** at her farm in Leesburg, VA (so beautiful!) and met **Katherine Cooper Hoffman** at the Four Seasons for high tea. Kathryn has started a new physical routine and hopes to be in prime shape before turning 40!

Susan Sickels Dyer sends greetings from the Pacific Northwest. All is well with her family. **Kenny** is finishing 5th grade, and **Teddy** is finishing 4th. Both are competitive ice hockey players with weekly games across the Canadian border. She leads a Moms-in-Touch prayer group at the boys' school, spends time in the garden, and is expanding a small vineyard. Her health is improved, and she remains happily married to **Ken** for 17 yrs.

Vickie Campo Byrd and family, still in Fort Lauderdale, hope for a quiet hurricane season! They'll travel to AL for 3 weeks this summer to visit **Vickie's** parents and then spend a week in the NC Mountains with her husband's parents. **Garnett** (7) is learning how to sail this summer, and **Ellie** (5) is playing tennis. **Caroline** (3) is learning how to swim and trying to keep up with her older brother and sister. If anyone is ever in the South FL area, please let them know. Hope everyone is well!

Penny Tadler has been busy teaching in NYC. She has struggled with her health this year and looks forward to some well-deserved time off. She has traveled some this year, spending time in Puerto Rico and a week in Naples, FL. She'll spend the summer in the mountains of NY, with a week in TX and a week in San Francisco. Penny keeps in touch with **Carey Bates** and **Kate Haw** '92. She's looking for **Kimberly Clifford Huneycutt** '92 and is hoping she'll see these notes and email her at ptadler1@mac.com.

Sonia Haddad Salfity will be spending the entire summer with family in Amman, Jordan. Daughter **Shereen** (14) is especially excited because she's going to earn her volunteer service hours during the summer teaching English as a 2nd language to Jordanian and Iraqi children. She starts h. s. in the fall. **Shareef** (12) will be in junior high and **Matthew** (5) starts Kindergarten. She and her husband can't believe how fast their kids are growing! Other than playing tennis, she keeps her sanity being a full-time mother and volunteers at their schools. She has learned how to knit so that's her latest new hobby. She's starting a baby blanket for her sister's 1st baby (1 mo.) on the 12-hr plane ride to Jordan! If anyone finds themselves in Omaha, NE, look her up!

Elliott Pitts wrote, "Life is grand in Portland, ME! I'm expecting 23 house guests in Jul. If you didn't visit, apparently you were the only one!" Elliott is the Children's Miracle Network Director at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. She completed the project management program at U. of Southern ME and is studying for her PMP. Meanwhile she's still in grad. school (now called "gradual school" by friends and family) working on a M.A. in Organizational Development. She has begun to plan and facilitate Clergy Wellness conferences for The Episcopal Church. She volunteers with the Junior League of Portland and in her spare time... err... never mind. In Mar., she spent a long, hilarious weekend with **Beth Robinson Dean**, Beth's husband **Todd**, and their 3 kids on Anna Marie Island, FL.

Shelby Staples, former Turning Point student, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary on 6/20 to a good man. She's currently researching and writing the life of **Kauai King**, 1966 winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

Stephanie Berger just returned from her annual trip to Nags Head, NC, with **Jen Kemper Wallis**, **Lorraine Haire Greer**, and **Chris Coleman** (H-SC). They had so much fun relaxing in the sun. Jen was with her 2 children, **Tatum** and **Quinn** and **Quiche** brought son **Alex**. She feels so grateful for the friends she made at SBC. She is looking forward to a busy election cycle this year.

Christine Flint Canterbury, husband **Joe** and children **Joseph**, **Emma** **Clarie**, and

Charlotte moved to Amsterdam last year. **Joe** is still with Starbucks. They're having a blast traveling, would love visitors.

Thanks to you all for the news! I, **Mamie Farmer Farley**, hope **Vickie** and I don't drive you crazy asking for your emails. It's so much fun to hear what everyone is doing! My family's summer is flying by. My husband **Matthew** and I took a much needed trip with friends (all adults, no children!) to ME and have been to the beach at Tybee Island, GA with our children for a week. After swim team and camp, we head to Fripp Island, SC, to the beach with **Matthew's** whole family. We're excited to go to **Newnan, GA**, for my sister **Katharine's** engagement party in Aug.; she's marrying a great guy from Houma, LA. And before you know it, school will start again!

I hope everyone has a terrific summer—take care and stay in touch!!

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The Class of '93 is full of exciting news after a wonderful! 15-yr. reunion this summer.

Ellen Ober Pitera was reelected Class President at Reunion. Thanks to Ellen for all you do for our class and SBC. Ellen sends word that she and **Rob** will travel to Korea in Aug. to pick up **Charlie Joonhee Pitera**! While they wait for this exciting event, they're enjoying farm life and teaching.

Lisa La Londe Hamaker and **Will** welcomed baby boy **Lane** on 3/5/08. Lane joins brothers **Powell** (4) and **Reese** (2). Lisa and family live in Mandeville, LA, and stay busy. She keeps in touch with fellow alumnae **Ellen Ober Pitera**, **KC Chandler DelPlato**, **Kerry O'Donnell**, **Patti Doran Walczak**, **Danielle Tedesco**, **Marissa Ashe Cole** to name a few.

Marissa Ashe Cole is taking a break after 13 yrs. in public accounting. This summer, **Marissa** is at home with daughters **Audrey** (7.5) and **Sydney** (4), who are active in gymnastics and in fall, football cheerleading!

Debra Elkins took her 4th actuary exam and is fulfilling her h. s. career profile to be either an actuary or mortician! She's working for Allstate Insurance in Chicago, IL, in Quantitative Research & Analytics. She invites anyone who is in town to contact her to play tourist downtown. Debra also writes

that she has 2 nieces, one of whom already loves pink and hair bows—more Elkins for Class of '22 and '24!

After being a stay-at-home mom for 8 yrs, **Laurie Baker Knights** was hired by Kia in Fredericksburg, VA, for a sales and marketing position. Going back to work full time has been an adjustment, but she's excited about this new venture.

Tracy Carol Parker lives in Lynchburg, VA, and works for Central VA Community Services. She's been there for 7.5 yrs. and is considering relocating if she can find the right position. Tracy is working on her M.A. to return to teaching. Son Timmy (12) is still the biggest love of her life.

Amy Larsen West sends exciting news: she got a couple of M.A.s, worked at Kent Gardens in McLean, married Kevin R. West on 7/16/06, and resides in the lively U St. corridor in NW Washington, D.C. She is expecting their 1st child in 8/08. Amy founded an artists' cooperative in '07 and organizes exhibits and raises funds for charitable organizations in the area.

Courtenay Cranford lives in Richmond, VA, works in marketing for Willow Oaks Country Club, enjoys her house and life with her 2 canine children, Fred and Emma. She recently visited **Thomasin Foshay**, who passed through town. Courtenay and Thomasin were looking forward to catching up with **Amy Larson West** and **Maura Hutchens McCarthy** at Amy's baby shower in D.C. in 7/08.

All is well in Manhattan for **Amy Edwards**. She and husband Brian Wieser celebrated the birth of daughter Brooke on 10/21/07 and their 6th wedding anniversary in 5/08. Amy works for the German bank Landesbank Baden-Württemberg as a real estate banker, providing financing for commercial real estate transactions in major U.S. cities.

Also in NYC, **Tori Milner** is working full time as an Iyengar Yoga instructor, teaching at the Iyengar Yoga Institute of NY, Columbia U., and privately around the city. She is preparing for her 3rd trip to Pune, India this fall to study yoga with the Iyengar family as well as travel for a month. Tori is in touch with Carey Bates '91 and ran into Diana Bradford '92 on the street.

Laura Goebel Hammer is finishing an ultrasound technologist program and plans to take a part-time position at a hospital. She says life is crazy, but good, still married to Keith, mom to 3 boys (8, 10, 12), and living in Zeeland, MI. The boys are in soccer, baseball, competitive swimming, and piano. Her husband works out of a home office or is traveling, so Laura looks forward to being done with the program and life returning to "normal." She keeps up with **Gretchen Smith Finley** and **Tracy Meier Mason**. **Beth Gilkeson King** went to BWI to greet **K.L. Polevitzky** when she arrived home after a year in Baghdad where she was fulfilling her duties as a Major in the United

States Marine Corps. Thank you so much, K.L.! She also keeps in touch with **Tracy Camden Wilburn**, but doesn't see either of them as often as she'd like.

Norah Wagner Smith still works for Whole Foods in real estate and development deals all over the country. She and her husband have been renovating a home in Atlanta for the last 2 yrs. and are about to move in! Norah just returned from FL where she attended the wedding of Alexandra Knight '96. **Renee Rose Flowers** is living in Kansas City, MO, and is Administrative Director of Higher M-Pact, a nonprofit she and husband Tyrone founded in '03 to mentor high-risk urban youth.

Melissa Cranmer McManus and husband John (W&L '92) are coming up on their 13th wedding anniversary! Melissa has 3 children: Jack (7), Olivia (4) and Finnegan (1). Their godmother is **Patricia Friend Douglass**. Melissa is having a blast being a stay-at-home mom and living in McLean, VA.

Daniella Ceccarelli Toomey, husband Chris, their 3 boys, and 3 dogs moved to Lutherville, MD last year. Daniella has stopped OB nursing to raise the boys and handle marketing & design for Chris's dental office in MD. Daniella keeps up with **Corinne Judeikis Hodges** and **Eleanor Guild** often, meeting up at the beach for the last 2 summers for a few days of relaxing and fun! The husbands get along, the kids play, and they catch up like it was yesterday. Daniella sends news that Eleanor started a new position and will be training in Boston over the summer. **Corinne Judeikis Hodges** was sorry to miss Reunion, but was very pregnant and unable to travel! She's living in Marietta, GA, with husband Edward and daughters Madeleine (4) and Carter (7 wks). Corinne keeps up with **Daniella Ceccarelli Toomey**, **Amy Waite Riley**, **Tracy Imse Thomson** and **Eleanor Guild**.

Sarah "Alex" Alexander sends word that the best thing to happen to her was having daughter Lilly (1) on 8/8/07! She's now single and has reclaimed her name, Alex Alexander. She's still with Lockheed Martin and living in northern VA. She had a visit from **Harpreet "Preet" Bedi** in Nov. when Preet was awaiting the arrival of her twins. Alex and Harpreet had dinner with **Cathy Viette**. **Harpreet Bedi** and Satinder, who she dated while at SBC, have 3 kids: Zara (6) and twins: girl, Natasha and boy, Satnam (7 mo.), and have been living in Singapore since leaving the USA in '01. She works for Cisco as in-house counsel for the Asia-Pacific region and had a rocking boutique called Chokri for 2 yrs. in the middle. Harpreet is still avidly playing polo to accompany Satinder's obsession with the game.

Patty Sagasti Suppes spent a crazy year going on job interviews across the country and accepted a position as Assist.

Prof. of Spanish and French at FL Southern Coll. As a result, she and her family will sell their NC home and buy one in Lakeland, FL. Patty has kept busy coaching both kids' soccer and swim teams. After the move, husband Jeff will work from home, Sebastian will start 3rd grade, and Adrian will start kindergarten. She saw **Jennifer Jarvis Ballard** and her beautiful family who stayed at their NC house on their way to the beach.

Sally Estes Vigezzi is a busy stay-at-home mom with 2 boys and 2 girls, ages 9, 6, 4, and 2! She has a part-time job which allows her to get out and talk to adults once in a while. Sally lives in her hometown of Macomb, IL, and keeps in touch with **Julie Skilinski Brooks**, **Colleen Losey Daughtry**, **Laurie Palmer**, and through Facebook, she's back in touch with **Kathy Ganahl Tilman**, **Patti Sagasti Suppes**, and **Nalini Mani**.

Kim Cutting Winter reports that twins Evy and Lolly (3) and Hayden (6) are doing great. She and hubby Matt just traveled to Turks and Caicos for their first trip without the kids! They relaxed and played golf. Kim is a stay-at-home mom involved in a lot of charity work. She chaired the Chester County Hospital's Polo Cup in Jun. **Susan Messikomer Horenkamp** is on the same auxiliary. Kim designed and organized a mini-home extreme makeover at a local homeless facility. An incredibly moving and rewarding project. Kim will "never forget the looks on the women's faces when they arrived back at the shelter. It's a feeling that will stay with me for a long time."

Lauri Dabbieri says life is wonderful in Italy. She retired from teaching and spent the past 2 yrs. in the Tuscan countryside, attending class at the Università per Stranieri di Siena where she is working toward a Laurea (degree) in literature and history for teaching in Italian schools. In her free time, Lauri translates and records audio guide tours for the contemporary art museum in Siena.

Sabryna McClung Roberson and Greg had a fabulous time at Reunion and got to see Ginger Amon White '94 and family, as well as Dr. Kelly "Pepper" Cogshall '95 and hubby Jim Anderson on their trip. Sabryna enjoys living in Northern CA and traveling! Busy as ever, Sabryna writes that she and Greg are starting the adoption process locally. Greg has started a new position with ORACLE, and she is ever searching for her next job/adventure. Sabryna invites anyone headed to Sacramento, Napa, Sonoma, Tahoe or San Francisco, to contact her for a rendezvous!

Susan Rapello Santos, husband David, and daughter Victoria welcomed new addition Christopher Thomas on 4/25/08; 5 wks early! Susan reports that everyone is doing well in Amsterdam, NY.

Norma Bulls Valentine owns a real estate company in Wellington, FL, special-

izing in horse farms around the WEF show grounds. Her sister, **Nancy Crenshaw Bulls**, works with her at the company. Norma practices real estate in SC with a farm and new house in Aiken, SC. Norm still loves horses. She has 2 show horses in SC and shares 9 polo ponies with her fiancé at her farm. Norma's Corgi Pelham has deemed herself farm manager.

Tracie Allen Webber is part owner of an import trading company with offices located in Memphis, China, and Hong Kong which sells to chain stores such as Kirkland's, Garden Ridge, Michael's, and Hobby Lobby. Husband Lee is still practicing law and Tracie's kids are George (9), Porter (5), and Anna-Margaret (4). Tracie writes that while their lives are hectic with activities for the kids and her work travel, being self-employed has at least one benefit, flexibility. They had a great time at Reunion, and Anna-Margaret found 2 new best friends, Ever McClain-Folwell and Jenny Doss (daughters of Stacey McClain and Dianne Hayes Doss). Look out class of '26/27!

Dianne Hayes Doss continues to live in Alpharetta, GA, working for Cox Communications in software development with plans to move into management. She and husband Bill often commute to work via bike now that Bill works for HP. Dianne reports that son Dan, 3rd grade, is smart as a whip, but only when it interests him: video games, the outdoors, learning new things, and animals. Daughter Jenny, pre-K, is also smart as a whip, but uses her intelligence to social ends, interested in clothes, shoes, dance, and is notorious for being the ring-leader of any child-led coup. Dianne & family thoroughly enjoy getting together with **Sabryna McClung Roberson** and husband Greg, **Tracie Allen Webber** and her clan, and **Stacey McClain** and her family.

As for me, **Stacey McClain**, all goes well here in Jacksonville, FL. It was great to get back to SBC for Reunion, especially useful as I indoctrinate my daughter, Ever (4), early: "Yes, Ever, you can ride horses at SBC." My husband Bob Folwell enjoys work as a systems analyst for Interline Brands. I stay busy as a stay-at-home mom and am involved with volunteer work at Ever's school, Gan Yeladim Kindergarten and Preschool, as well as with Obama for America. Last Christmas, **Laura Warren Underwood**, husband George, and daughters Christine, Katherine and new baby Charlotte stopped in on the way to Disney World. It was great seeing them and meeting the new baby. We have plans to meet up with **Dianne Hayes Doss** and her clan in St. Mary's, GA, in Jul. It's hard to believe we've already had our 15th Reunion, time to start planning for our 20th in 2013! Let's plan to celebrate this milestone on campus with friends and family! I look forward to hearing from everyone.

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This special note came from **Tysha Calhoun**: Listen to your body! I had a pain in my side for months, and when my doctor couldn't figure out the cause of the pain, she ordered a CT for me. This revealed a cancerous mass in my left kidney. I'm incredibly fortunate, as it was safely removed, and I won't have to have any treatment such as chemo or radiation, though I'll be scanned for the rest of my life to insure that it doesn't return. It's now become a personal mission of mine, to encourage women in particular to take time for themselves—too often other priorities top a simple physical exam. We love our families, our careers, our hobbies, but most importantly, we should love ourselves, and pay attention when things aren't right. I encourage each of you to get a current physical exam. Prevention is the best cure, but outside of that, early detection is key. If we hadn't found this when we did, the outcome would've been far more grave.

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Hey, ladies! Time has flown since the last edition and our families have grown. Read on to learn about all the new babies born to our classmates, and the rest of our fun news!

Sue Whitehead-Froelich celebrated son Caden's 1st birthday. They had a big bash at their brand new home, with an Old MacDonald theme party—lots of fun! Sue went to a Lynchburg Chamber event where she met 2 dancers from "Dancing with the Stars," Tony and Elena, also fun. She's still Marketing Director at River Ridge Mall, and the latest excitement (for current SBC gals as well) is that they're getting a state-of-the-art, 14-screen theater summer 2009—great news!

Abigail Phillips Hinga and Sean are still enjoying Denver and seeing **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Powell**. Sean had been gone on the presidential campaign trail since 10/07, so Abby joined him for the

last 2 mo. in PA, IN and, finally, PR. She's starting a new position as the Outreach Director for The Bell Policy Center, which should be interesting!

Wynn Cole Burr still sees **Lee Dolan**, **Katie Campbell Brumley**, **Buff Barkley Ramsey**, and **Courtney Harper** '97 a good bit. She's going to see **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson** '97 in NY at the end of Jun. and can't wait to meet her twins.

Imogen Slade Rex and **Chip** welcomed daughter **Isabelle Mary Rex**, 5/15/08. She's a beautiful girl with an adoring Mama and Daddy. Congratulations Imo and Chip!

Melissa Snyder Gigenbach writes that she, **Bader**, and the boys are well, living in Morgantown, WV. They're still working on projects for their new home and are busy trying to get the yard back into shape. Heavy equipment might fascinate the boys, but is hard on the grass! They're looking forward to a relaxing summer before **Nikolaus** (6) starts 1st grade, and **Thomas** (3) begins preschool. She says a summer free of schedules seems heavenly, and hopes all is well with everyone.

Rachel Briers Bell has wonderful news about son **Jack** (2)! They've just come back from Cincinnati, where Jack had to have a liver transplant to remove his liver tumor. He's doing well right now and has more energy than ever. Rachel says you would never know by looking at him what he's been through (except for the baldness thing). **Charlie** (5) and **Sam** (4 mo.) are also well and enjoying the summer.

Jesse Durham Strauss, **Oron**, and **Anna** (17 mo.) welcomed **Audrey Claire**, 6/6/08 at 1:06 p.m. She was 7 lbs., 9 oz., and 20 in. **Audrey** is a wonderful baby, and **Anna** is crazy about her! **Jesse** will get to stay home with her 2 beautiful daughters until after Labor Day. Congratulations to the Strauss family!

April Collins Potterfield, **Russell**, and **Benjamin** (4) welcomed twin boys **Nathaniel Orlen Collins Potterfield** and **Oliver Lawrence Collins Potterfield**, 6/11/08. **Nathaniel** was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and **Oliver** was 6 lbs., 6 oz. Big healthy babies for twins! Congratulations to the Potterfields!

Jen Beck Locke, **Hunter**, **Marte** (4 ½), and **Thomas** (2) welcomed **Trae Alexander**, 5/14/08. He was 7 lbs., 12 oz., and 20 in. **Jen** says **Trae** is great; he eats all the time and is already 11 lbs. **Marte** and **Thomas** adore him and can't keep their paws off of him. Business has picked up also. **Jen** asked for prayers as she prepared to take all 3 kids to the beach and **Cumberland Island** for a week without **Hunter** to meet friends. She was looking forward to it, though. **Marte** starts Kindergarten in Aug., hard to believe. She's going to be one of the youngest in her class, but **Jen** and **Hunter** think she's ready. Congratulations Lockes!

Lee Foley Dolan and **Duke** welcomed their 3rd child, **Frederick Hall**, 5/22/08.

Big brother **Henry** (6) and big sister **Mattie** (3 ½) love their little brother and are big helpers around the house! Back in Apr., **Lee** had lunch in Richmond with **Laura Lechler**, **Katie Campbell Brumley**, **Jesse Durham Strauss**, **Rachel Baltus** and **Hilary Carlson Katerberg**. It was great to catch up with each other and the kids! Another SBC gathering is planned for 7/26 at **Jesse's** parents' house in Northern VA. Hopefully **Lee** and the 3 children will make the drive up for the big pool party. Congratulations Dolans!

Paige Vaught Campion writes, "Hello to all my classmates! '07 and '08 have been unbelievable years for our class and babies. My daughter **Olivia** will be 1 on 8/4, and my older daughter **Ellie Grace** is 4 going on 15, ha! We're doing great. I've not seen anyone from our class in a long time, although I'm trying to get together with **Imogen Rex** and **Lee Dolan** in Jul. in Richmond, so we can meet each other's new additions. I hope it works out. I'm enjoying being home most every day now with my girls, and working from home with the help of my Mom and a college student nearby. I did go to graduation this year to see a family friend graduate. Sweet Briar looked amazing as usual. I feel at home there every time I go back. Keep sending in notes to Amy so we can keep up on each other's lives. Congrats to all new mommies out there...future Sweet Briar gals..."

Sarah Chaffee Paris and **Jonathan** took **Bella** (5) and **Stevie** (1) on their 1st international trip to **Cabo San Lucas**, Mexico in Jun., for **Sarah's** brother's wedding—a great adventure!

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, we're great. **Sam** and I are enjoying his summer break, relaxing, and spending time with **Xander** (15 mo.) We had our backyard landscaped in the spring, and enjoyed it daily until the heat set in (my hottest summer yet in Tucson!). In Jun., we traveled to MA to spend a week with friends and touring around the state. In late Jul., we'll spend a week in CA with all of my siblings and their families. I keep in touch regularly with **Paige Campion**, **Imo Rex**, and **Mary Copeland Dellinger**. As always, thank you for sharing news of your lives and families!

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Happy fall 2008! It's amazing that this year is almost over. It was just Reunion a few months ago. What a joy to catch up, reminisce, and make new memories. Please be sure to keep in touch so that we can beat our 10-yr. goals in '13!

Dana Woodbury Purcell wrote that "Lem (HSC '97) and I welcomed a baby girl, **Catherine Kimball**, 11/27/07. She was born at 7:50 p.m., weighed 6lbs, 21" long, and had a full head of red hair!" **Dana** and **Lem** reside in Gainesville, FL. **Tonya Grudier Montgomery** and **Tom** decided to leave the world of boarding school and purchased their 1st home in spring '08. As of this fall, **Tonya** is the new director of student activities at **Indian Creek School**, a co-ed day school. She welcomes the opportunity to go home and leave work behind at the end of each day! **Nichi Benson Knox** continues teaching English at **McGavock h. s.**, located in Nashville, TN. **Nichi** and **Forrest** celebrated the 2nd birthday of son **Robert David** in Jun. **Robert David's** sister **Portia** turned 18 in Feb., graduated from h. s. in Franklin, TN, and will attend **Belmont U.** in Nashville. **Nichi** and her husband are expecting their 2nd child this Dec. **Nichi** said that the **Knox** family is blessed! **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** continues her career as a teacher. She started a full-time position as a 4-yr-old teacher at **Friends School of Atlanta** this fall. 5/08 brought about many trips to SBC, once to celebrate youngest sister **Celeste's** graduation and then Reunion. She returned to Washington, D.C., over the summer to teach at a camp. She enjoyed catching up with old friends. **Anne-Claire** is looking forward to purchasing a home of her own in the Atlanta area, buyer's market!

Stephanie Belk Loter and **Tom** enjoy watching daughter **Abilene Elise** (DOB 11/29/07) grow as she approaches her 1st birthday. **Stephanie** is working with **Novartis Animal Health**. The **Loter** family spent much of the summer visiting with family and attending "mom and baby exercise classes." **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** and family spent the summer traveling to visit their families throughout TN. **Cynthia** organized playgroups and taught 3-yr-old Bible class. **Darrin** went on a missionary trip to Ukraine. **Abram** started walking at 10 mo. and his big sister, **Virginia** (3) will attend **Montessori preschool** in fall.

Anna Meres Wade and her husband have returned to the south! Anna worked as a mental health counselor at a local community mental health agency in Dover, NH. She felt truly honored to work with those who struggle with chronic and persistent mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, dissociative disorders, bi-polar, and personality disorders. Yet, Patrick was offered a job at the U. of TN at Knoxville that they couldn't turn down. The Wade family have a 16-mo.-old golden retriever named Memphis who fills their lives with smiles, laughter, and love. Anna said, "He keeps me on my toes!" They're thrilled to be back in TN as Anna has many fond and happy memories of visiting Cynthia Puckett's house during college. They'll miss the magic of New England, but feel like they're settling into another beautiful home, just a much hotter one!

Bronwyn Beard moved to Chagrin Falls, OH, at the end of '06 and has been enjoying decorating her new home and the slower pace of life ever since. She does miss O.C. and how close to the beach she was, but is happy to be closer to family.

Heather "HAT" Thomas Armbruster and Jon went to Sweden in 5/08 before Reunion. They had a wonderful time by themselves! You can find pictures at harmbruster.multiply.com. The summer found the Armbruster family at Myrtle Beach where Brian had a blast playing in the waves and demolishing any sand castle they tried to build! HAT spent the summer teaching A&P 1 and 2 at Southern Union.

Emily Busse was married to Kevin Matthew Schwartz of St. Louis in 8/07. Lindsey Hall '99 was a bridesmaid. Emily continues to work in events and fundraising for the Pittsburgh CLO, a musical theater company in downtown Pittsburgh. She and Kevin are looking forward to the arrival of their 1st child in 12/08. Emily said, "I really enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion and look forward to Reunion 2013!"

Melissa Rothwell Pembroke and her husband took the family to NY and enjoyed a day visiting toy stores, especially the American Girl store. "I can't believe we survived taking a 4-yr.-old and 7-yr.-old, but they had an awesome time. My daughter can't wait to go back!" Melissa auditioned for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and passed the timed test. After the test, the producers interview you and then you have to wait 2 wks to receive a card telling you if you are in the contestant pool or not. "I hope to make it, but if not, it was still exciting to audition."

Mary Lea Harris got to spend some time with Anne-Claire while Anne-Claire was in D.C. for the summer. Emma (5) and her namesake Claire (16 mo.) had such a blast playing with "Aunt Anne-Claire!" Mary Lea continues her work as a Creative Memories consultant. She enjoys helping people preserve their family memories

and get photos organized. Check out her website at www.mycmsite.com/maryllea-harris. Mary Lea has many photos posted of Emma and Claire and frequently posts updates. Emma started kindergarten this fall so the family packed as much fun into their summer as possible. They even went to Disney Land in Jul. Emma and Claire are into anything "princess" so they had a blast. Geoff and Mary Lea celebrated their 10-yr-wedding anniversary in Aug. with a "mommy and daddy only" weekend on Little Palm Island in the FL Keys. One of Mary Lea's former students applied to Sweet Briar this fall after hearing all of the stories about what a great school it is. Her student loves the campus and is excited to attend!

Joanne Hopkins spent 2 weekends in Jun. participating in 2 MS Rides in Richmond and Charlottesville, VA. The rides raised money to go towards finding a cure for MS. The cycling was great, but the weather was too hot. Joanne said she survived, in part due to the free ice cream at the finish of the Charlottesville ride. The ice cream was made better by the fact that it was made by a SBC alumna ('05) who has her own ice cream business. Joanne participated in an Ironman in Switzerland in Jul. and then spent some time traveling around Switzerland and Poland where she visited with a friend.

Page Darney and boyfriend Charlie visited Joanne in D.C. They were in town for a reception at the White House. Page went skydiving for the 1st time. She said that it was worth it, but she has no need to go again. Aug. saw the beginning of law school for Page at Widener.

Erikka Sund Neal keeps in touch with Joanne, Page and **Erin Wortley Valliere**. Erikka and Steve welcomed a baby girl, Frances Grace in 1/08. She began her 6th yr. teaching 3rd grade this fall.

Andrea Sheetz McCahey and family moved to a new home in Richmond, VA. Son Brennan turned 5 and daughter Brooke is 2 ½. Andrea teaches dance part time and her husband teaches music. They even managed a couple joint music/dance projects this year. Andrea occasionally sees **Anne Culver** and her 3 kids who don't live too far away.

The Gilbar household is doing great! **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar** said that sons Joe and Carson kept the family busy with activities and camp. They took their annual trip to FL in early Jul. Dennis and Charlotte continue to teach in Amherst County.

Brigitte Laib writes from Houston that she was sorry to miss Reunion, but has enjoyed seeing the pictures. It's been 2 years since she relocated to TX. She started a new position in Jan. as an account development manager in commercial water treatment. She sells chemicals to treat heating and cooling water to protect the equipment from corrosion and damaging affects, all in attempt to keep those in TX cool! "Strange

for a Theater major/English minor who's now playing with chemicals!" Brigitte says it's interesting and a good opportunity. She has a company car and gas card so she has to stick it out for a while! She does sales, drums up new business and services the equipment. She gets to play chemistry lab a couple times a week by testing water to ensure the right level of chemicals in the water and that there's no organic growth that would foul the system. Brigitte said that some days are pure torture, but she enjoys dealing with customers. Brigitte has been dating Mark (originally from KS) for more than 4 mo. Her mom came to Houston to visit, but Brigitte is convinced she was more in town to investigate the boy! Mrs. Laib approves wholeheartedly! Brigitte and Mark went to visit his family over Jul. 4th in OK.

Tricia Mohana Summers and family had a busy summer! Brian got out of the Navy in Jul. and they moved to Asheville, NC. They spent the summer at the beach and catching up with friends. James turned 5 and began kindergarten in fall. Jack (2) keeps them busy! Unfortunately, the Summers family missed Reunion as Brian was returning from his last trip aboard the aircraft carrier. Tricia keeps in touch with Susan Barney. She also took a trip to Boston to see her sisters. Anne (SBC '04) is getting a graduate degree in theater and Katie began her senior year, both at Emerson.

Kimberly Osborne Jerger and family live in Murray, KY. She and Matt have Isabella Rose and welcomed son, Gabriel Thomas in Aug. Kimberly was teaching English as a 2nd Language to all ages in the Murray Independent School District, but decided to take the next year off so that she can stay home with her "angels." Matt is a chef, but keeps busy working for a company that opens and runs restaurants. They moved to Murray so that Matt could open a new restaurant and catering company.

Bobbie Hedrick Artstain was promoted to CIO for the VA Dept. of Emergency Management in 5/08.

Darelle Pfeiffer and husband Tim Briggs welcomed 1st child Morgan Marie Pfeiffer Briggs on 5/5/08 at 8:43 a.m. She weighed 7lbs, 9oz, and was 20in. Darelle continues her work as an associate physician in NJ.

Chantel Bartlett continues to work for a non-profit education foundation in Washington, D.C., giving out scholarships to graduating h. s. seniors across the country. She was busy over the summer promoting '08 winners and planning the next application cycle. Chantel went to Seattle for a week to visit family and enjoyed some down time. She keeps in close contact with **Candice Broughton Maillard**, **Alicia Foster Wilbur**, Heather Pool ('03), Andrea "Andy" Kubler Robinson ('00) and **Kristell Barreyat Krompholtz** (TA — France '98).

Kristell welcomed her 1st son, Raphaël, in May.

Cynthia and I would love to remind you that we elected/re-elected new class officers at Reunion. Our new Class President is Cady Thomas. Co-Secretaries are Chantel Bartlett and Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett. Please inform me (Chantel) if you wish to be added to our e-mail list.

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Andrea Capano continues to enjoy her time home with son Alex (2). She visited SBC in May to conduct forestry research with a team of students and Dr. Linda Fink. While visiting, she and **Sarah Elkins Ince** had dinner together at their old stomping grounds, La Carreta. Andrea enjoyed seeing the new construction and updates at SBC; looks forward to Reunion.

Brenda Elze still lives in Orlando, FL, working as a Market Development Manager for Ethicon Endo-Surgery. Teaching surgeons how to perform surgery has been an eye-opening experience! She saw **Jill Stromberg** and **Jen Schmidt-Major** (separately); had a blast running around Orlando with them. She looks forward to seeing **Alex Sienkiewicz** this summer and Abby Schmidt '00 in Oct. in VT at Abby's wedding!

Kris Harris is excited for Reunion! In Jan., she went to Zambia to volunteer at an orphanage in Zambia—an eye opening experience, also worked on projects in S. Africa, Nicaragua. She looks forward to moving to San Jose, CA, for a special national rotation at work. She's a proud aunt to 3 more nephews this yr.—that makes 6!

Sean and **Lindsey Neef Kelly** spent the summer planning for the arrival of their 2nd daughter, who should be here by the time of this publication. Daughter Catherine (1) doesn't know quite what's going on, but sometimes helps get objects off the floor that Lindsey can't quite reach. Lindsey's still at work, plans on going until the baby's ready to come before starting maternity leave.

Tina Hansel Snover, **Melissa Henning Hill**, **Susan Hurley Upshaw**, **Kris Harris**, and **Meredith Tillery** had a girls' weekend in Jun. at VA Beach! Fun was had by all! Tina looks forward to coaching soccer again this fall at SBC and enjoys being a Lynchburgian! She hopes to see you all at Homecoming in Oct. and at our 10th Reunion in May! We need help contacting everyone about Reunion; if you want to help plan for it, contact Tina at tsnover23@comcast.net.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous and husband Tim welcomed a baby boy on 4/17. Baby Drew is a tank, on track to double his birth weight by the 3-mo. mark. Lindsay works part time from home, trying to balance her PR career with motherhood.

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Hello Class of 2000! Hope you're doing well!

Susan Bobb and Jamie are blissfully enjoying newly wedded life, preparing to move out west to the Bay Area in fall as soon as Susan defends her dissertation. Visitors welcome! **Cara Millar Bean** finished her degree in art history at St. Mary's Coll. of MD in '02. She married husband Scott on 9/2/06, was fortunate to have **Kim Leach Burge** and **Suzanne Bollinger Tomaszewski** attend their wedding, even though there was no power in the church because of Hurricane Ernesto! Cara stays busy attending softball games for step-daughter Kayla (12), plans to remodel their 40-yr-old house to make room for the family they hope to add to. She's back in school part time working towards a M.A. in Counseling through the Johns Hopkins U. School of Ed. Cara is president of the Hollywood Optimist Club, raising money for youth in her area. **Kate Kenefick** is going back to school for a degree in biology, moved back to Culpeper. In Feb., Kate went to Nashville to visit **Elissa Pugh** and her baby for a long weekend. She sees **Vicki Zak Rosenthal** about once a mo. since she's moved back to D.C. **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** and husband Andy expect baby #2, a boy, in Sept.! He'll join brother James (2). Lindsey loves staying at home full time, enjoyed seeing **Elizabeth Davis Baker** in spring. **Nikki Lamm** sang a recital of Spanish art songs with classical guitar for the kick-off to a concert series in McLean, VA this past May. She's singing the role of Panima in the Magic Flute for Bethesda Summer Music Festival at the end of Jun. She has upcoming concerts with a singing group called the 7 Sopranos in Sept. and Dec. You can check out her Web site, designed by **Marilen Sarian**, at www.nicolelamm.com for more upcoming events! Nikki still teaches voice lessons throughout the D.C. metropolitan area. Her students had their spring recital where they performed classical repertoire, staged musical theatre selections in Woodbridge, VA. In addition to teaching private voice lessons and master classes, Nikki will teach for the summer camp at Levine

School of Music, one of the more prestigious (non-college) music schools in the D.C. area. She stays in touch with Marilen. **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** and family moved to Leesburg, VA. She works as Compensation Manager at NEW; her husband works at Northrop Grumman as an Export Manager. Baby girl Clara started walking, will celebrate her 1st birthday soon! Wendy can't believe many of us will turn 30 this yr.! She and **Germaine Gottsche** were romanticizing about the good ole days when our ages began with a "2"! **Kim Harden Fella** finished her 4th yr. as school counselor for Sonny Carter Elem. in Macon, GA, looks forward to beginning her 5th yr. there this fall. Husband Chad returned from his 6-mo. Navy deployment to W. Africa in late Nov., in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In Apr., he transferred from the navy base in Jacksonville, FL to Norfolk, VA, where he'll be stationed on the Harry S Truman aircraft carrier as Reactor Electrical Assistant until 4/10. Kim and Chad were able to attend **Christine Bump's** wedding in D.C. in early Mar., got to see several SBC folks, including **Ginny Gilbert Smith** who was a bridesmaid. In early May, Kim took a trip up to VA to visit **Kristen Lawlor Steege**, her husband, and baby girl Cordelia. At the end of May, Kim and her mom left for a 2 ½ - wk. trip to Australia. They spent their time visiting Melbourne, Sydney, and Cairns (for the Great Barrier Reef). They had a great time; had dinner one evening with **Amy Hess Snawder** and her husband (he's stationed in Melbourne). Kim says it was great to see a familiar face far from home! Hopefully she'll make it to Homecoming again this fall, looks forward to seeing some SBC classmates there. **Kibby Bryenton Fergusson** and family now live in Japan! Son Iain turned 3 in Jul. and daughter Anna Margaret turned 1 on 8/31. Kibby went to S. Korea with the kids in Jun., husband Donnie is deployed now and will be for the majority of their time in Japan. **Brandy Cash Watts** and husband Les had baby girl Audrey Estelle on 2/11/08 and celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary in Jul. She still teaches, now 2nd grade at Rockfish River Elem., in nearby Nelson County. **Alicia Hart Palmore** and husband Michael welcomed Georgia Goodrich on 5/15. She joins brother Henry and is named for her great-grandmother, Georgia Herbert Hart '40. **Emily McGregor Fenlaw** expects baby #2, a girl, at the end of Sept. Son Jett (18 mo.) has no idea what's coming! She enjoys staying home with her son and doing freelance architectural design work on the side. All's well for me, **Elizabeth Davis Baker**, in NC. My husband and I celebrated our 4th anniversary with a

beach trip; I followed that up with an early 30th-birthday cruise to the Bahamas in May with girlfriends! Don't forget that you can post your class news anytime at <http://sbcclassof2000.blogspot.com>. Thanks to everyone I heard from, I hope that more of you will write in next time! All the best!

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What an exciting year we've been having so far! Congratulations to everyone on their amazing achievements over the past 3 mo.

Lauren Kaplan Slobin and Cary welcomed their new baby boy Asher Jacob on 6/26/08. He joins his sister, Ava (4) at home.

Lori Kovatch Long and Brian are building a new house on their horse farm in KY; look forward to welcoming SBC visitors soon.

Rachel Souder-Arguedas received her M.S. in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins U. in May.

Emily Black Burns spent Christmas and New Years in Argentina with Roy. They visited Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls on the border with Brazil, and the wine regions of Mendoza and the Valle de Uco, both at the foot of the Andes Mountains. Shortly after returning, Emily took a position at a new company. Still in software, Emily heads life sciences industry marketing at Pegasystems in Cambridge, MA. Emily was delighted to reconnect with Abby Schmidt '00, who's back in Boston.

Jenne Lauren wrote a book about her time in S. Korea called *The Lipstick Nomad: Finding My Soul in Seoul*. It's about following the principle of turning tears into gold. She's seeking an editor, book agent, and publisher to deliver it to the public. Jenne would love to see any SBCers visiting NY. She loves her work as a walking tour guide of the city!

Kim Schmidt Miscavage and Brian, settled into their new house in the Hershey, PA area, enjoy civilian life. Brian got out of the Navy in fall and is now a supervisor at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility. After spending a couple of mo. looking for the right job, Kim now works at Tyco Electronics as a Human Resources Advisor. She looks forward to traveling to China and Mexico to see how HR is practiced internationally. Kim looks forward to attending her sister Abby's wedding this fall in VT.

Catherine Holswade Asher married Andrew Asher, VM '03, in 9/06. They bought their 1st house in Richmond, which they share with their many animals. Catherine works as a zoologist at Maymont Park, but also just started the Teaching Licensure

Program at the U. of Richmond. After about a yr. of school, she plans on teaching elem. school in Chesterfield County. She keeps up with **Allison Johnson Haley**, **Amy Whitney Rippey**, and **Leah Solivan Busque**. **Ameke Reeves Cruz** still teaches at Jefferson Forest h. s. in Forest, VA. However, she teaches math instead of special education. Her children are doing great; Jeremiah turned 1 on 6/13/08 and Timbre will go into 1st grade. Ameke and Scott celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary, but it got overlooked since Jeremiah's 1st birthday festivities and Father's Day fell on the same weekend; they plan to take a cruise in Oct.

Angela Rodriguez continues her work at St. Catherine's School in Richmond, VA managing the dining services. Feeding the students and planning all the catering events keep her busy. She's happy for summer break. After a year long postponement, Angela and fiancé Paul Newman began planning their wedding for 9/27/08. They're happy, enjoy spending time with daughter Hannah Lynn (2 ½). Angela took Hannah to see SBC this past May when they attended the graduation ceremony for Angela's sister, Susan Rodriguez. Angela continues to visit with **Megan Thomas Rowe** and her daughter, Madelyn. They were both able to see **Rami Achterberg Heers** this past spring when she made a surprise trip to VA. Rami lives in Utah with husband Jesse; they are expecting their 1st child, a boy, in Aug.

Tana Malm Baber looks forward to teaching 5th grade next year in a new environment, after teaching 4th grade for 5 yrs. She and her husband Chip (HSC '00) still live in Leesburg. She enjoyed seeing **Jennifer Stringfellow** in Mar. at Chip's sister's wedding in Lynchburg. She looks forward to the summer off and traveling to Canada and IL to see family and friends.

Amy Tabb and husband David are doing well in Lafayette, IN. David will teach a year in Lafayette while Amy finishes up her (hopefully) last year at Purdue. They added an English Mastiff puppy and a Rotweiler/Doberman mix to the household this summer, which provide good reasons for study breaks while preparing for the qualifying exam!

Elizabeth Finch Wright is expecting her 1st child, a girl, in mid Jul. She and husband Corbitt will sell their Tropical Smoothie Cafe restaurant so that she can stay home with their daughter.

Natasha Nickodem lives in Chicago and works for the Art Institute. She looks forward to a trip to Bordeaux and Spain's Basque region this summer.

Kyle DuVall Blondé still lives in Keller, TX. She finished her Master's in 8/07 and gave birth to daughter Marie-Hélène on 9/19/07. She loves teaching French. She was recently elected Region IX Chair to the Alumnae Board and can't wait to travel to SBC twice a year, especially since little

sister Samantha DuVall will join SBC's class of '12 this fall.

Fran Hurt Boyd married husband William on 12/15/04. Daughter Alyson Marciette was born on 5/20/06 (the reason she missed reunion) and on 12/10/07 son William Joseph was born. She now works at her daughter's preschool so that she can be with her children full time. She is also a distributor for a health products company called Freelif International.

Spencer and I (**Amanda Campbell Wright**) still live outside of Austin and expect our son to join our family sometime at the end of Aug. We recently enjoyed having **Meghan Beaton** visit, look forward to seeing **Ariana Wolyne-Werner** before the baby comes to celebrate her passing the D.C. bar exam!

2002

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Hi Ladies! Here's latest from '02. If you're reading this and haven't been getting our emails, please give the Alumnae Office your updated email address. We're getting a ton of emails returned because of full email accounts. We want to make sure everybody has the chance to share news!

After graduating, **Sara Kaplan** went to Miami U., received a M.A. in poetry, then went to the U. of ID and received a MFA in poetry. While at UI, she was both the poetry and senior editor of the national literary journal, *Fugue*. After graduating from UI, Sara received a tenure-track instructorship at Del Mar Coll. in Corpus Christi, TX, where she teaches composition, literature, and creative writing. Her poems have been published in the following national literary journals: *The Meadow*, *Harpur Palate*, *Antioch Review*, *The Cincinnati Review*, *LIT9*, *Talking River Review*, *New Vilna Review*, and the *InLand*.

Aja Grosvenor enjoys her new job as special events coordinator at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She went to **Joe Park's** wedding in VA and saw several SBC gals. She's also training to run a 5K sometime in Aug.

Though she misses watching Smallville with **Joanna Mullen**, **Jaime Henna** is looking forward to trying new things in Las Vegas!

Rachel Roth Allred still teaches at Oxon Hill Elem. School in Prince Georges County, MD. She has taught 1st grade for the past 2 yrs, and will be teaching 4th

grade beginning this fall. She and Toby have been married for 2 yrs. in Aug. They became godparents to **Stacey Armentrout Fallah's** boy Jackson on 2/29/08, and saw **Kathy Fowler** and Amy Waller '04 at Stacey's baby shower this past Jan. Rachel spent time in D.C. with Kat Morse '01 and Sarah Peterson '03, and while there ran into Tamara Trout Semassekou '01. Rachel and Toby are looking to buy their 1st house in the Columbia, MD area.

Donyele Gibson Wilkerson still works for the Dept. of Defense as an Instructor/Developer. She'll be celebrating 4 yrs. of marriage this Aug. Donyele went to a cook-out at **Misa Sarmento's** Canton home. She saw **Alicia Boldt** this fall when visiting her brother in Charlotte.

Katherine Moncure Stuart and Harrison (HSC) will welcome their 1st baby in early Aug!

Ashley Trantham moved to Raleigh, NC, where she works as Director of the Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces program at the NC Nurses Assoc. She bought a house in Feb.

Liz Waring McCracken's husband Chris graduated from medical school and they have moved to Washington, PA for his 3-yr. residency. Liz has "retired" from teaching dance in the public schools for now and will see what the job market has in store for her later this summer. If anyone lives near Pittsburgh, she'd love to hear from them!

Lindsay Keller will be married to John Sullivan 10/19/08 in Denver, CO. **Megan Ogilvie**, **Christina Kingsley**, **Jill Tremblay**, and **Jaime Henna** will be in attendance.

Shannon O'Neill-Beasley and her husband were married last year at SBC. They celebrated their 1st anniversary. Margaret Van Hook '03 was the maid of honor in her wedding. She finished her MS in Biology from UVA, and bought her 1st house (5 min from SBC)! Shannon teaches research at Central Virginia Governor's School in Lynchburg, VA, and is a support instructor SBC's SCHEV program. She says no children yet, but they're happy with their 3 kittens Waffie, Pancake, and Raisin.

Christi Rose Hart and Jason still live in Richmond with daughter Kendall (15 mo.). They're building a house and are excited to move in. She still practices commercial real estate and business law with a firm downtown. Christi saw Alisa Cline Berry '03 and Samm Grist '03 a couple of weeks ago and keeps up with **Kim Martin**, **Sonya Truman**, and **Tamera Young Metzfield**.

Amy Gardner Adams and her husband of 1 yr, Tony Adams, built a new home in Leesburg, VA, and moved in at the end of Jun. She's been working for BearingPoint for almost 6 yrs. and continues to do IT consulting for the U.S. Dept. of State.

Melissa Rudder works at Blue Smoke and Jazz Standard as the Group Dining and Private Events manager in NYC. She still

lives in Brooklyn and celebrated her 30th birthday!

Alicia Markham received a Master's degree from UVA in May and will start teaching in fall. She's excited to teach h. s. World History at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, NC. Alicia and dog Piper will live in a dorm! She's sad to leave C-ville, but will still drive by SBC every time she comes back to visit from Winston!

Denise McDonald Gentry married Temple Kane Gentry (HSC '03) on 5/04/08 at the Marriott Ranch in Hume, VA. **Lori Smith Nilan**, **Maria Thacker**, and **Margaret Brooks Tucker Buck** were bridesmaids. Ashley Johnson McGee '03 and **Kelly Monical** were in attendance.

Maria Thacker married Matthew Joseph Weiss on 5/25/08 in Walt Disney World, FL. Bridesmaids included **Kelly Monical**, **Lori Smith Nilan**, and **Denise McDonald Gentry**, while **Margaret Brooks Tucker Buck** served as a reader at the wedding. Maria was promoted to director of marketing for Georgia Bio, the non-profit life sciences trade associate for GA. The couple resides in Atlanta, GA.

Margaret Brooks "Brook" Tucker Buck married James "Trey" Clifton Buck, III on 6/28/08 in Raleigh, NC. **Lori Smith Nilan** was her matron of honor; **Maria Thacker**, **Denise Gentry**, and **Jenai Terry '01**, were bridesmaids, along with Brook's sister Victoria. It was great catching up with Jill Triana '99, Tiffany Moseley Tucker '01, **Alicia Markham**, **Kelly Monical**, and **Meghan Gregory**, and Ashley Johnson McGee '03 at the wedding. Brook and Trey went to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, for their honeymoon and had a great time at their wedding. Brook passed her 1st semester of nursing school and is ready to continue in fall.

Brook and I are having fun attending all these weddings and are keeping busy with work and having fun whenever there's time. We wish everyone well!

2003

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The past few months have been busy for the Class of '03, including our 1st reunion! I know everyone who attended had a blast, and we're looking forward to 10 yrs. in 2013.

I, **Courtney Arnott Silverthorn**, am pleased to be your secretary for the next 5 yrs! I've started what will be my last semester of grad school at JHU, and I was able to present some of my research at the annual melanoma conference in NYC last fall. Evangeline Easterly Taylor '00 works in my building; I see her regularly. Matt and I

celebrated our 5th anniversary on 6/22/08, and we've been busy traveling to Reunion and 4 weddings in 7 wks. Our most recent trip was to attend **Nicole Crowder's** wedding to Mike Lowry (Princeton) on 06/21/08 in Powhatan, VA. Bridesmaids included **Kelly Hughes Kautman** (who received her Certified Financial Planner designation in 01/08), **Sarah Canovaca Poirier**, **Jade Boardman**, and **Michelle Moshier '05**. **Olevia Neary Carothers**, **Sheena Belcher Hubbard '05**, and SBC chemistry professors Dr. Rob and Jill Granger also attended. Nicole has officially graduated from Princeton and will begin teaching chemistry at Mary Washington U. in Fredericksburg, VA, this fall.

6/21/08 also marked the marriages of **Melissa Gist** to Josh Mundy (JMU) at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, NV, and **Lindsay Kinyon** to Tom Ashton (HSC) in Richmond, VA. **Courtney Yerdon Gleason** was one of Lindsay's bridesmaids, and **Danielle Ross Oberg**, **Erin Black Minor**, and **Lara Hansen** attended.

Virginia Uchello married Daniel Lyon on 04/26/08 in Old Town Alexandria, VA. Bridesmaids included **Megan Daughtie**, **Kristin Farris**, **Danielle Ross Oberg**, and **Carrie DeShazor**. Also in attendance was Amy Gardner Adams '02. Virginia and Daniel honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica.

Tica Stoevhase has moved from Paris to Nantes, where she lives with her French soon-to-be husband in a traditional French house. She enjoys her job as marketing director for events across Europe and travels non-stop. Tica is looking forward to her small wedding with close family and friends in 9/08 and sends happy greetings to all from France.

The SBC Class of '30 added several new members this year! **Lauren Friend McKelvey** and Brandon welcomed 1st child, Caitlin Larsine on 4/7/08 at 5:53 a.m. At birth, she weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 20 in. **Erin Keck Walsh** and Terry announce the birth of identical twin girls, Annalise and Keira, on 5/14/08. Erin and Terry also attended **Jackie Devine's** wedding to Chris Clayborn in 3/08; they welcomed the birth of their daughter Izzy on 5/16/08. **Tiffany Williamson Norwood** and Ryan are excited to announce the birth of 1st child Campbell Grace on 5/23/08, weighing in at 8 lbs., 10 oz. Tiffany reports that Campbell has a full head of dark brown hair and a full closet of pink and green!

Courtney Pfaff Kimble and Chance expect their 1st child in 11/08. She keeps in touch with **Anna Yankee**, and in her spare time she's started work on her M.A. to become a critical care nurse practitioner. She attended an engagement party for **Lyndsay Welsh '05** in 5/08 and looks forward to attending Lyndsay's wedding in 8/08. Courtney will also be a bridesmaid in **Shirley Pinson's** 8/31/08 wedding to Wesley A. Hendricks (ECL/VT) in VA. Other

bridesmaids will include **Kylene Smith**, **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson '04**, **Christy Maxwell**, and **Lana Davis**. Shirley enjoyed her 1st full year of teaching in VA and is looking forward to successfully completing many more!

Mara Wegerski graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School in 9/07 and was admitted to the MI bar in 5/08. **Samm Grist** finished her 2nd year at VT Law School and is working for the summer for Lawson and Silek, P.L.C. in Winchester, VA.

Julia Schmitz completed her Ph.D. in Microbiology at UAB (her dissertation was entitled "Role of the Gastric Ecosystem in Helicobacter Associated Gastritis") and will start a post-doc at UNC-Chapel Hill working with a model of chronic intestinal inflammatory disease in 8/08. Matt and I had lunch with Julia while visiting Birmingham this summer. **Jessica Shannon** will be moving in 8/08 from Houston to Hershey, PA where she will be the new pediatric chaplain at Penn St. Milton S. Hershey Children's Hospital.

Lisa Renfrow still lives in FL and works at Walt Disney World. She visited Sue Knouse '05 and Chris Murphey '06 in D.C. in 4/08, and met with **Anna Fines** while she was on vacation in St. Petersburg, FL, in 5/08. They had a great time fishing and hanging out at the beach. She visited with Brook Tucker Buck '02 and her fiancé (now husband) Trey Buck while they were in Orlando for the wedding of Maria Thacker '02, and had dinner in Daytona Beach with **Kim Martin** and Professor Jeff Key.

Kate Carlson has been living in NYC for a year now, loves it. She spent 2 wks touring Italy before transitioning into her new position at Sotheby's Auction House, working for James Niven (Chairman of Sotheby's for North and South America) on the Upper East Side. Kate would love to hear from any NYC alumnae!

Thank you to all who submitted class notes and congratulations to everyone! I look forward to hearing more exciting news from you all.

2004

Reunion 2004: May 22-24, 2009

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Ginny Wood sells books at Borders. She toured Ireland summer '06 with the Bach Festival Choir of FL. Summer '07 she sang with the London Symphony Orch. She's on the Reunion committee and fundraising committee. **Grace Farnsworth** is working in Admissions at SBC and enjoying life's adventures; she's excited to see everyone back on campus for Reunion next year! **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson** is a h. s. gov't

teacher in Spotsylvania County, VA. She coaches varsity cheerleading. She received her M. Ed in 7/08 from the U. Mary Wash. with Heidi Trude '07 and served on Honor Council. Summer '07, Kelli and Will went to Jamaica on a mission trip. They built an outhouse and ran vacation bible camp. They attended Lyndsay Welsh's ('05) wedding and Shirley Pinson's ('03) wedding this summer. **Misty Vandergriff Forsberg** and Adam had baby boy Auden Jude on 1/18/07.

Brienna McLaughlin Pruett teaches art at the Visual Arts Center in Portsmouth, VA, and is a certified personal trainer in Virginia Beach. She shows her art at *brienna.net*. Brie and Joe, a Naval Officer, are looking forward to living in England or Germany within a year and hopefully starting a family. Brie was contracted to design a graduate art course for SCAD and is going to teach while they travel Europe. **Brandy Harman** works in Richmond. **Jozanne Summerville** is in her 4th year of estimating the cost of future naval ship programs in D.C. She moved into her 1st apt. with only her cat and plans to go to Barcelona in fall to see her sister. She went tubing in WV with **Karen Story** and Brandy Harman. **Sarah Ruff** lives in Boston. She had brunch with **Denna Jackson** '05 and Susanna Knouse '05. **Leah Davis Philhower** and Jesse expect their 1st child on 10/16/08. **Dee Marshall** has been working for SI International since 1/07 as a PreGrant Patent Application Classifier.

Sarah Parson Breeden '05 worked with her at the office from 6/07 until 3/08 in the chemical manufacturing dept. Dee hosted her baby shower, and Leah Davis Philhower attended. Dee attended **Rachel Pottmeyer Moncure**'s wedding in 3/07 with Jozanne Summerville. **Kathryn Lawson** lives in NYC. She is working on her MFA and then her Ph.D. at NYU. **Anne Benham Willson** and Dave live in Burlington, NC. She teaches 11th grade history and coaches volleyball.

Briana Beckham Pitt got her M.A. in Social Work in 5/07 and got married to John Pitt in 10/07. They live in Nashville, TN. John was accepted into medical school at Ross U. in the Caribbean. They're excited to make the move to the island of Dominica in 8/08.

Breanne Leiberling finished her MAT at SBC in 07. She moved to Lexington, KY where she teaches 10th grade English. She became an aunt in 10/07. **Sarah Lindsey** works for the State Dept in Jakarta Indonesia in the same office as Breanne Leiberling's parents. **Megan Owens Thompson** graduated summa cum laude with a M.A. in counseling from UNC-Charlotte in 12/07. She's a middle school counselor and varsity swim coach at a private k-12 school. She lives in Charlotte with husband Mike and 2 dogs. They've been married since 5/17/08 where Anne Benham Willson and Sarah Lindsey were bridesmaids. **Meredith Shaw Hansen** lives near Sweet Briar with husband Eric and son Carter. She heads the Reunion and alumnae

fundraising committees. She has a very exciting life. **Laura Pearson** is working her last month as an international tax and trade consultant in D.C. She'll move to central VA to attend Darden School of Business at UVA in fall. **Autum Matysek Snyder Fish** and Jeremiah moved into their new house in '07 with their dog and cat. In 5/08 they travelled to Kauai. **Lyndsey Parr Knick** was wed on 5/3/08 at the Stonefire Station in Barboursville, VA, to Officer Steve Knick of the Charlottesville PD. Autum Fish was one of her bridesmaids and Bre Leiberling was in attendance. They honeymooned in St. Lucia. **Mary Davis Blood** was wed to Patrick in 4/06. They live in Charles Town, WV, where Mary is the director of admin for a nonprofit org. Grace Farnsworth, Autum Fish, Misty Vandergriff, Ginny Wood, Meredith Hansen, Sarah Ruff, Anne Willson, Laura Pearson, Kate Lawson, Jozanne Summerville, Beth Farnsworth '05, Sue Knouse '05, and Julia Geyer '05 attended. Mary is expecting a baby in 1/09. **Brook Linville Thurber** is a special ed teacher in Boise, ID. She's expecting her 1st, a boy, in 10/08.

Stephanie Shrader is an elem. school guidance counselor in Amherst County Public Schools in VA. She graduated from L.C. in 5/08 with a M.Ed. in School Counseling. **Erin Coleman** lives in Los Angeles. She got her MA from AADA and is pursuing acting and often works in the theater. She has 2 dogs, Myshkin and Dublin. She's still the center of the universe. **Maria Kitchin** lives in Norfolk with **Meg Foley** '03 and enjoys teaching and coaching at Norfolk Academy. She attended Ginger Tripp's ('05) wedding in 6/08. **Tasha Purcell** completed a M.A. at the U. MN, Parkato, and moved to Las Vegas in 7/08 to start a position as the head of the outdoors program at the UNV, Las Vegas.

Nicole Basbanes graduated with her M.S. in Library and Information Science in '07. She left NYC in '07 to work in San Francisco at a high-end bookstore. She left 1/08 and now lives in Washington D.C. as an appraiser's assistant. **Jennifer Warde Darrell** completed a M.A. in Humanities at the U Chicago in '07. In 7/08 she worked as a Spanish teacher in a Chicago charter schools. She'll move to New Haven, CT, to begin a Ph.D. program in Spanish at Yale.

Ashleigh Kreslein lives in Charleston SC with 2 yellow labs. She's the assistant to 2 financial reps for Northern Mutual. In 4/08 **Katie Neimeyer** '05 came to visit. In 7/08 Ashleigh and **Virginia Fowler** drove from Charleston to Billings, MT. **CM Burroughs** earned her MFA from U. Pittsburgh where she teaches poetry and creative writing. She's a nominee for the '09 Pushcart Prize and has been published in multiple journals. She's a fellow of The MacDowell Colony and Cave Canem. **Katie Barnette-Whisenant** was wed to Ryan Whisenant of Columbia SC on 5/10/08. **Caroline Ogilvie**, **Christina Chubb**, **Leila Williams**, **Lara Zvirabulis**,

and **Kate Lawson** attended her wedding as bridesmaids. She lives in Greenville, SC, and works as a riding instructor and trainer. She continues to work part time at the family business Carolina Pride Foods. **Adrienne Arnold** got her M.Ed from SBC. She received an award from the VA Teachers Assoc. for her thesis. Adrienne and boyfriend Philip moved to NC in summer '07. 5/08, on a vacation to Puerto Rico, they got engaged. They'll wed 8/09 in Bermuda. **Elise Arnold** is attending SCAD and is getting her M.A. in architecture. Summer '06 and '07 she spent in HI. Summer '08 she spent in France. She intends to work towards a Ph.D. in Engineering. **Terra Chamberlain** lives in Washington, D.C. Her mother, who had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, is in remission. She's working towards a job with the State Dept. **Sara Gredler** is enjoying her life in Austin, TX. **Cat Scheer** is living in CA working on her M.A. in Library Science. She is engaged. **Sarah Bohn** took a train trip from Hong Kong to Lisbon last year. She will be starting SIT grad institute in 10/08 and work towards her M.S. in mgmt. **Kasie Rentz Adams** lives in Lynchburg, VA with husband Nathan. Her daughter, Landry May, was born 6/12/08. She works as an RN at VA Baptist Hospital as a psychiatric nurse. **Caitlin Webber** got her M.A. from London School of Econ and lived with **Heather Shumaker** who got her M.A. from King's Coll. Caitlin is a homeland security reporter for *Congressional Quarterly* in D.C. **Schyler Ellis Burke** and Peter are expecting their 1st child. She'll receive her M.BA from TX A&M in 10/08. **Tiffany McCabe** wed VA state trooper Joseph Car on 7/19/08 in Franklin, VA. Jozanne Summerville attended. She teaches music at 2 elem. Southampton County Public Schools. **Michelle Poore** graduated from pharmacy school with a PharmD from the Med Coll. of VA in 5/08. She's completing her residency at Washington Hospital Center in D.C. **Autumn Wade** lives in Charlottesville, VA, with husband John. She works for Genworth Financial. **Ebony Scurry** is a Certified Career Management Coach, Certified Federal Job Search Trainer, and has passed the Certification Exam for the Professional in Human Resources (PHR). She works in the Federal government providing consultative services in Organizational Effectiveness and owns her own business, Eidolon Career Solutions. Her poetry book, *Storm of Roses*, won 2 awards. **Andrea Stassi** works for the Habitat Conservation Division of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in Long Beach, CA. She volunteers on weekends helping marine animals. **Morgan Swan** lives in East Lansing, MI, works as a licensed attorney. She's joining the insurance agency where she worked through law school as a full partner. **Emily Suchta** earned her M.S. from Dowling Coll. and is a NY certified elem. and special ed

teacher. She'll marry fiancé Adam on 12/28/08 on Long Island, NY. **Sascha Rogers** earned her M.A. and is a certified licensed Occupational Therapist at the INOVA Fairfax Hospital for Women and Children. She lives near D.C. If you haven't received emails about class notes, please email the address listed above.

2005

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Hello everyone! I hope all is well. Congratulations to all of you ladies who are engaged, recently married, or expecting/had your 1st child! These are all exciting moments—if you have any pictures to share or information about your life, let me know and I will pass it on to the rest of us. I can also include pictures in our class scrapbook to share at our reunion. My email for pictures is Apretzels94@gmail.com, and for class notes it's watts05@sbc.edu.

Heather Wright finished her graduate studies at George Washington U. Congrats! She lives in Paraguay and works at the U.S. Embassy as a Pickering Fellow until Aug. when she'll return to start her diplomatic training for the Foreign Service.

Christie Sears was engaged to Kevin Thompson on 4/19/08 at Red Rocks Park in CO. They'll marry at SBC, 10/24/09. She lives in Denver, CO, and works for DOOR.

Brooke Middleton works at CSB as a behavior specialist and volunteers at the Crisis Line of Central VA answering suicide hotline calls. She bought a new house and moved on 6/30.

Lynsie Watkins has successfully launched her business, Perfect Flavor and is making lots of delicious ice cream by hand. She enjoys her job! She's getting married to Colin Steele on 9/27 in Charlottesville, VA. Her bridesmaids from SBC are **Nancy Kirbo** (maid of honor) and **Samira Hossain**. She'll also be the proud stepmother of 2 amazing kids and has never been happier.

Megan Knight had a baby girl Siena Lynn Bowling with fiancé Casey Bowling on 4/15.

Brianna Meighan de Hanna is working like crazy and her company, Hot Pink Ink Media, is growing like mad! So she couldn't be happier. She signed a contract with Channel E!, so now her television program, Hot Properties, airs in 25 Latin and Caribbean countries in 3 languages and in front of more than 75 million viewers each week. As a result, she's been traveling a lot, but somehow manages to make time for her new horse and relax with her husband.

Sara Zobel moved to SC and works

at Zeus Industrial as a Technical Account Manager. She's still training and competing in 3 day events, but no longer works in that industry. She purchased a new horse and is having a wonderful time training and competing her.

As for me, **Amanda Jane Watts**, I graduated from GWU in May with my M.F.S and work for the U.S. Secret Service in their Forensic Services Division. I put in a few hours each day with Arlington PD in their Homeland Security Dept., so my days are pretty busy. I still manage to find time for fun, like traveling to Nicaragua, going to Vegas with **Katie Barker** for a weekend, and visiting family in IL. I also moved into my own apt. in Arlington and love it!

2006

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In Mar., **Nicki Brandt** went to CA to visit **Julie Drake**. It was fantastic to see her again; her niece Haley is darling. Nicki was accepted into Duke U.'s Nicholas School of the Environment; starts classes in Jan. studying marine conservation, ecology, and coastal management. She'll head south in Sept., a very long road trip, with several stops at SBC friends' houses, and hopes to roll into VA in time for SBC Homecoming. She'll miss AK dearly and hopes to return, but is ready for a change—spread her wings. The birds at the Sealife Center are doing well; they expect 3 horned puffin babies (3 eggs thus far) in mid-July. For those SBC girls who attended the OCF bible study, they'll remember Col and Mrs. Baldwin (grandparents of Rebekah McSpadden '07). Nicki visited them during their AK cruise in Jun.

Victoria Chappell still lives in Palm Beach, FL, and works for Newsmax Media, Inc. When not working and having fun around home she tries to take long weekends to visit friends on the east coast. Lately she has visited NY to see friends who were in town from London and had a great time catching up with her aunt Wendy Weiler Chappell '71 and cousin Caroline Chappell '09. Victoria's boyfriend is safely back from his deployment; they're having fun spending time together. They hope to travel a lot together in the near future.

Miriam Choi started a new job in the affiliate marketing industry at a company called Commission Junction, Inc., a division of Valueclick. She'll move into an apartment in Santa Barbara, CA, in Aug. and is excited to explore beaches, hiking trails, new restaurants, and live music scenes!

Michelle Clark Bowe and Tom welcomed baby Lillian Grace Bowe into the

world on 6/23. She was 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 in.

Suzy Harvey Hodge lives a busy life in NC. Having been married for almost a year, she and Phil have bought a house and keep adding to their family with adorable pets. They adopted Boots, the cat, and the cutest Doberman puppy named Jazzy Ro. Along with working on her Ph.D. in Biomathematics at NCSU, Suzy works for a veterinary clinic.

Susan Lea and Julie Sellers are living in Lake Tahoe waitressing and doing a lot of hiking and lake activities during summer. They snowboard and work for Heavenly Mountain Resort in winter.

Joanna Meade, Abby Adams, Lindsey Cline, Meg Shortlidge Freda and her husband Lou reunited for a 7-day eastern Caribbean cruise the 1st week of Jun. They visited the Bahamas, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, and Grand Turk breaking hearts at every stop and showing the Caribbean how to really have fun. Joanna and Abby live together in Baltimore through the summer. Abby graduated from Johns Hopkins Nursing School and got a job with GBMC. Joanna was recently admitted into Johns Hopkins to begin work on her M.A. in Environmental Sciences and Policy. She intends to go to school part time and continue working for Travelers Indemnity Company in the Special Liability Group handling toxic torts and environmental claims. May 2–4, Joanna competed at the US Masters Swimming Short Course Yards Nationals in Austin, TX. She competed in the 200-yd, 100-yd, and 50-yd backstroke, swimming 2 of her fastest times since graduating from SBC in the 200 and 100 and placing 6th in her age group in the 200. She's now preparing for the Dewey Beach Sprint Triathlon in Sept. and hopes to improve her performance after placing 3rd overall in the women's first timer division last year. She continues to hang out with **Jenn Wiley**. They spent Memorial Day weekend in the Outer Banks, NC. Jenn has a job with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and has been spending the spring and summer training and working in NY. She's now the proud aunt of both her niece Brooke and nephew Brady.

Maggie Murray is in her 2nd year of the Peace Corps in Panama. She's planting trees and saving the world and can't wait to get home next year to see her '05 and '06 girls (all of whom should come visit!)

Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, honorary member of our class, retired VP for Development, manager of *Our Campaign For Her World*, spent a year consulting and lecturing on fundraising and non-profit management in Europe, from Scotland over Germany to as far as Bulgaria. In Jul., she and her husband moved to Atlanta, GA. She looks forward to becoming active in the SBC alumnae chapter there.

After graduating, **Lea Pyne** took a job

with a small IT contractor in Alexandria, VA, who supports the Navy. She's been with the company 2 yrs. and is the Security Officer's deputy for Team Submarine (Navy group that builds and supports submarines). She's learned that although the government can be large and totally incomprehensible, it's capable of producing some amazing machines. She and her awesome boyfriend bought a big house in scenic MD and are renovating. She also adopted a 7-yr.-old Gordan Setter who's the sweetest and possibly most dependent dog ever. She's discovered the allure of local D.C. bands and you may see her at some of the area's punk shows. She loves to run and cycle the trails of Southern MD, particularly with the Oxen Hill Cycling Club (if you live in the D.C. area and love your bike, check them out). Until recently, she loved her beautiful silver Eclipse convertible (totaled by one of the irresponsible drivers in the area). Best of the best to everyone and here's to surviving being a grown-up!

Melissa Westhouse has graduated from her M.A. program of Criminal Justice forensic psychology at Tiffin U. in OH and received the masters in the mail from them. She currently resides with her parents in CA and is learning how to cook with the help of a cookbook given to her on her birthday. She's trying to learn to garden by growing peas. She's also trying to raise a caterpillar into a butterfly.

Still in L-burg, **Colleen Murray** and Brandon expect their 1st baby on 2/7/09! She and Brandon look forward to all kinds of changes this year in preparation. The biggest change so far is her massive appetite! Her big dream is still to own her very own horse someday, and now, also to raise Babydoll sheep. If you haven't seen one, google it. They're the cutest ever. Colleen has had a lot of fun visits with **Cara Cherry**, who's been on campus this summer. The most fun was an overnight at Dr. Fink's house while Cara was house sitting. Colleen hopes to see some of you '06 gals at Homecoming.

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Protecting Your Wealth for Future Generations

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In the Sweet Briar Tradition discusses different ways to manage your funds and provides examples of planned giving techniques. This month, we want you to set the example after you learn how to reduce your tax burden while still providing an inheritance for family members.

A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is attractive right now due to low interest rates. Estate and gift taxes can consume up to 70% of an estate, reducing the inheritance for children or grandchildren by a heartbreaking amount. You can overcome this with a Charitable Lead Trust, which provides a way to make a philanthropic gift while protecting your wealth for future generations. The Lead Trust is especially beneficial if you are in a high gift or estate tax bracket. It can:

- protect your property for heirs
- save gift, estate, and inheritance taxes
- save generation-skipping transfer tax
- provide a major philanthropic gift.

The Lead Trust is also beneficial if your charitable deductions exceed the allowed percentage of adjusted gross income. By using a Charitable Lead Trust, you can give a gift to Sweet Briar that is not subject to the giving limits that apply to the income tax charitable deduction.

You can create a Charitable Lead Trust in your will and avoid some or all estate and generation-skipping taxes when making an eventual gift to family members. The gift, estate, and generation-skipping tax deductions are based upon the term of years, the payout to Sweet Briar, and the federal mid-term rate of the month.

If you are in a high gift or estate tax bracket, the Charitable Lead Trust may be the best way for you to protect and preserve your wealth for your children and grandchildren as well as provide the opportunity to make exceptional current philanthropic gifts.

The information in this article is provided by Winton Smith, Jr., Esquire. Winton Smith & Associates is retained by Sweet Briar College to provide general gift planning advice. Contact the Office of Development on 888-846-5722 if you would like more information about the best way to plan a gift for Sweet Briar College.



The chart below illustrates the benefits of a Charitable Lead Unitrust or Annuity Trust with an 8% payout for a term of 17 years. Please consult your own advisor or call us for a specific illustration based on your particular situation.

Amount of CLT	Family Inheritance	Sweet Briar Gift	Government Tax
\$ 100,000	\$ 176,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 0
250,000	440,000	340,000	0
500,000	890,000	680,000	0
1,000,000	1,780,000	1,360,000	0
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